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THE DIARY

AND

CONSULTATION BOOK OF THE AGENT GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL

OF

FORT ST. GEORGE,

1682.

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"	"	" 25,		ditto.
"	"	" 29,		ditto.
"	page vi,	line 2,	*for* Jinjira,	*read* Janjira.

PREFACE.

THE present volume, which contains the diary and consultations of the council of Fort St. George for the year 1682, should according to promise have been out of my hands at the beginning of this month. Unavoidable delays in the press and the loss of time involved in sending proofs to England have to my regret prevented this.

The original manuscript is written in one volume, numbered 7 in the Madras record-room. It is not in a good state of preservation, and some of the pages in it are fast crumbling away.

Notes and an index of names and words are appended. The index has been drawn up on the plan of that which closed the selections from the records of 1681, and contains information on minor matters, such as abbreviations and spelling, which were not of sufficient consequence to justify mention in the notes.

When reference is made to the three parts of the series entitled 'Notes on and Extracts from the Government records in Fort St. George,' the abbreviated form 'N. and E., Vol. I, II or III', is used, and the volume published in 1893 is denoted as 'Madras Selections, 4th Series.' The present and succeeding volumes may hereafter be conveniently described as 'Madras Consultations,' the number of the series being added.

As I am unable to correct the proof sheets of the notes and index, I fear that some errors must be expected. My absence from India must serve as an excuse for them with readers.

A. T. P.

CHELTENHAM,
May 1894.

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INTRODUCTION.

In 1682 the current of events was setting in the direction of the west of India, and in consequence the consultations of Fort St. George contain few references to external affairs. As, however, the scattering of Sarabhoji's fleet and the rumour of Aurangzeb's preparations for a campaign had some bearing on the success of the attempts to establish trade to the south of Madras, and the politics in England some bearing on the competition of interlopers, it may be as well to bear in mind what was going on in India and what in London during that twelvemonth.

At this time the ground-swell of the storms of 1683 and the years which succeeded it was beginning to make itself felt in the Dekhan. Aurangzeb was maturing his designs; but the hour for striking at Golconda and Bijapur was not yet come. Meanwhile his [1] emissaries swarmed at Hyderabad and attempted in secret to detach from their allegiance to their sovereign those of Abul Husain's servants whom the detested administration of Madana Pant and his brother was daily alienating.

A cloud was gathering over the fortunes of Sambhaji. Bent on the [2] reduction of Janjira, he had joined the besieging army in the spring, in the hope that his presence might encourage the soldiers. But the appearance of a large body of Mughal horse, descending the ghauts from Ahmadnagar, called him in another direction. The siege languished. An [3] attempt to end it by storming the island ended in disaster, and the Maratha force was withdrawn. Reprisals on the part of the Sidis followed, and in October the fleets of Sambhaji and the Abyssinian Chief [4] met and fought it out near Mazagon. The skilful tactics of Yaqut Khan were triumphant; four of the Maratha vessels were captured, others were sunk, and the leader of the navy, a deserter from the Sidi camp, was killed. At first Sambhaji was tempted to try and revenge himself on the English and Portuguese, to whose [3] policy of

[1] Grant Duff's 'History of the Mahrattas,' 1826, Vol. I, p. 319.
[2] *Ibid.*, p. 311. [3] *Ibid.*, p. 312. [4] *Ibid.*, p. 313.

neutrality he was disposed to ascribe in large measure his ill success at Jinjira. His second thoughts were, however, wiser. He [5] heard that Aurangzeb was making vast preparations. His own [6] treasury was almost empty, and the marauding expeditions which, as conducted in the time of Sivaji, had brought in such rich spoils now no longer replenished it. With the English, at any rate, it was safer to keep on good terms. They might be useful allies in that coming struggle with the Mughal Sovereign, of which he now knew the hour was drawing near. He continued therefore to preserve friendly relations with the factors, and gave a hearing to the [7] complaints which on behalf of the government of Fort St. George they preferred against the vexatious and crushing duties that were making trade at Cuddalore and its neighbourhood almost impossible. Their representations were not immediately successful, but they paved the way for the removal of the imposts in question.

In England the contests of Whigs and Tories had a singular influence on the Indian trade. The vast gains of the company during the previous twenty years had of course excited the avarice of those persons who had no part in the monopoly, and who had seen the market price of East Indian stock rise from [8] seventy to three hundred. Before 1680 no serious attempt to compete with the company, strong in the possession of their royal charter, had been made. But in that year advantage was taken of the constitution of the court of directors to excite odium against them. The leading men of the committee of management happened to be Whigs, and the Tories spread abroad reports against the loyalty of the court as a body. These stories found ready acceptance with many in England and in India, and all who credited, or professed to credit them, threw their weight in the balance in opposition to the company. The party of private trade grew stronger every month, and more and more money was forthcoming to fit out interloping ships which might divert some portion of the golden stream from the chartered channels. Before long the vessels of the private traders were to be found in almost every port. The 'interloper' became as familiar a topic of conversation as the weather, and the very

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[5] History of the Mahrattas, Vol. I, p. 313.

[6] *Ibid.*, p. 319. [7] *Ibid.*, p. 314.

[8] Macaulay's History of England, Chap. XVIII.

clerks grew weary with repeating the word. Sir Henry Yule in his researches [9] discovered an instance in which a copyist, "after the con-"stant writing on the subject of the pernicious violator of the Company's "privileges," actually made the court (anxious to obtain *interpreters*) request the governor at Fort St. George to send them "5 or 6 little "Native black boys which speak English (of which We understand that "there are many at the ffort) that they may in time learne the Malay "language and become usefull as Interlopers"!

Before long the servants of the company learnt that if any one wished to stand in the good books of the court of directors, there was no surer passport to favour than ability to produce a record of zeal and activity in frustrating the designs of the interlopers. There are some indications in the present consultations that Gyfford and his colleagues, fearful perhaps of suspicion, were not unmindful of this. The relations of the agents and factors of this time to the party of interlopers are indeed somewhat perplexing. At bottom they were not altogether unlike those of the gamekeeper and poacher. "A keeper", said Charles Kingsley, "is only a poacher turned outside in, and a poacher a keeper turned inside out." So the servant of the company was often an interloper turned outside in, and an interloper a servant of the company turned inside out. Even where the desire to further the interests of the court was most sincere, there must have been some fellow-feeling. And where there was a strain of unscrupulousness, the transformations were as shifting as those of Harlequin. The interloper of yesterday became today the company's servant and the persecutor of other interlopers. The company's servant left office one week to take shares in an interloping venture the next. Captain Thomas Pitt accepted the governorship of Fort St. George. William Hedges [10] chartered the *Recovery*. If William [11] Alley and Maurice Wynne had lived a few more years, the one might not have been [12] honoured by a polyglot epitaph in capital letters, and the other, in the rôle of some director-general of the company's affairs, might have made an even braver appearance than when he rowed up in his [13] barge to Hoogley with attendant English mariners and musicians.

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[9] Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV, p. ccclv. [10] *Ibid.*, Vol. LXXIV, p. 178.

[11] Note 34, p. 108 *infra*.

[12] Note 80, p. 69, Madras Selections, 4th Series.

[13] Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXIV, p. 118.

The establishment of factories [14] "to ye southward in Sevagee's countrey," and the doings of interlopers, were on several occasions in 1682 the subject of serious debate by the Council.

Factories in the South.—On the 12th January [15] Yale returned from his visit to Porto Novo and the neighbourhood. He brought with him "a Cowl from Hargee Raja the Subidar of Chengie upon the receipt of "w^{h} was fired 21 : guns, and 11 : guns for Mr. Elihu Yale for his good "services, & the success he had in ye management of ye business he "went about."

On the 11th May, [16] "the settlement of the Factory at Codalour" was taken into consideration, and Robert Freeman, previously recalled for the purpose from Masulipatam, was appointed chief, with two members of council and a secretary to assist him. A reference subsequently made to Freeman's [17] detention at Madras shows that he cannot have proceeded to his charge until July. On the 24th of that month [18] orders were given to the warehousekeeper "forthwith to lade those goods" that were intended for the new factory, and on the [19] 26th and 31st "Gen^{lls}" to "ye Chiefe and Councell of Codalour" were read and passed. On the [20] 18th August, a "Gen^{ll}" was received "from Codalour" and on the [21] 5th September another. But the vessel which brought the second letter brought [21] also the chief and council of the factory. It may be presumed that they had left the property of the company in charge of the writer. The consultations are provokingly silent as to the precise reason of this sudden return of Freeman and his colleagues. There was [22] some "great disappointment," and "the great charge" which the company had "been at towards the settlement" of the factory was considered to have been "all lost." Six days after Freeman's arrival at Fort St. George it was [23] resolved to put on shore the goods and treasure which had been on the point of despatch to Codalour. The [24] presence of "an able ꝑson to compose, manage and settle" the embroilment, whatever it was, appeared essential, but unfortunately at this juncture the sudden death of the Chief at Masulipatam made it necessary to send Freeman to supply the vacancy there.

Meanwhile the [22] Subahdar at Conimero or Conimeer, as Kunimedu was by turns called, had been giving "very friendly and advantageous

[14] Madras Selections, 4th Series, p. 57. [15] p. 3 *infra.*
[15] p. 34 *infra.* [17] p. 43 *infra.* [16] p. 53 *infra.*
[19] pp. 55 and 57 *infra.* [20] p. 63 *infra.* [21] p. 67 *infra.*
[22] p. 77 *infra.* [23] p. 68 *infra.* [24] p. 70 *infra.*

"proffers concerning" the settlement of the English "in his Govern^t," and Gyfford and his colleagues, in some despair, it would seem, at the "great tonnage" [25] required by the court of directors, hastily resolved on [26] establishing a factory there. John Willcox, their secretary, was made Chief, and Richard Milton, one of the late Council at Codalour, and Ralph Ord, were appointed as accountant and warehousekeeper. [26] A week afterwards it was resolved "that orders and Instructions "for Conimeer ffactory be in a readinesse for the ffactors appointed "for that place within two or three days, & that Mr. Richard Browne "doe deliver an Acco^t of the Remaines of Codalour to the said ffactors "of Conimeer." In another week's time "Orders and Instructions" for the new factory were [27] duly "read and past in Councell," and the factors, [28] detained at Fort St. George "by reason of the bad weather," were directed to depart on the 25th October. Three weeks later, the [29] receipt of "a Gen^ll from the Cheife and Councell at Conimeer" shows that John Willcox and his colleagues had entered upon their duties. On the 4th December [30] five thousand pagodas were sent to meet expenses, and at the last consultation of the year it was [31] ordered that a boat should be despatched to Conimeer "with packing stuff &c^a. "provisions they haveing great occasion for them."

Interlopers.—On the 17th July [32] the *Resolution* anchored in the Madras roads, and Mr. John Littleton and Mr. Slaughter Lee "came ashoare" with a letter "from ye Captain intimating that 'twas the "Comp^as order that 2 : of ye Councell should repair on board ship." In "complyance therto Mr. Tim^o Wilkes & Mr. John Bigrig went, "& a small time after returning again brought with them ye Honble "Comp^as pacquet & other lrēs : sealed up in a bag wch were immediatly "opened & the Honble Comp^as lrē : to [y^e] Fort perused and finding in "ye 2^d Paragraph ye Comp^as positive order concerning Mr. Bridger, he "was acquainted with it & the charge against him, to ye first he quietly "submitted, to ye last he confessed that he did send Diamonds & "pearles to England, ... but as to ye businesse of Interloping Alley "he avowed he was wholly innocent." The court, it appears, had certain evidence that Bridger was in [33] correspondence with Captain

[25] p. 77 *infra*.
[26] p. 78 *infra*.
[27] p. 81 *infra*.
[28] p. 81 *infra*.
[29] p. 87 *infra*.
[30] p. 94 *infra*.
[31] p. 100 *infra*.
[32] p. 49 *infra*.
[33] Note 0, p. 63, Madras Selections, 4th Series.

William Alley; and Alley's name was never heard or mentioned by the directors without a sudden access of acerbity. They were resolved, they [34] wrote, that no man should abide in their service who was directly or indirectly guilty of dealings with him.

On the [35] 1st August agent Gyfford received orders to "hinder & defeat any Interlopers" that should come to the Gingerley coast, and on the 13th September an opportunity of displaying zeal in executing the wishes of the directors presented itself. An interloping ship,[36] calling herself now the *William Hall*, now the *James Foster* put into the [37] bay of Tuticorin. Word was sent to Gyfford. The members of the Fort St. George council were hurriedly summoned to an [37] extraordinary consultation, and on the [38] following morning two servants of the company left with instructions to [37] see what the strange ship might be, and if the report that she was an interloper should prove to be true, to "impede & obstruct" the unwelcome visitor "in allwayes possible." They carried with them five hundred pagodas, to be spent in bribing the men on board the interloper to leave their ship. Promises of preferment to such as would come to Fort St. George and serve there were to be liberally made; and nothing was to be left undone to disable the adventurer. The mission was fruitless, as on reaching Tuticorin Captain Bett and his companion [36] found that the interloper had sailed "for Bengall being consigned to the late Cheife or some "other Englishman there." It was therefore only left to Gyfford and his council to place on [39] record a fervent eulogium on the "diligence "and care . . . the trouble and great frugalitie" shown and endured by Bett and Fleetwood, and to present each of them with "2½ yds of "Scarlet Cloth and half a piece of Norwich Stuffs."

Composition of the Fort St. George council.—William Gyfford continued to hold the position of president in the council of Fort St. George. On Bridger's dismissal, the vacancy was filled by [40] John Littleton, and [41] on the appointment of John Willcox to the chiefship of the new factory at Conimere Henry Mose took up the duties of secretary.

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[34] Court's letter, 18th Novr. 1681.
[35] p. 57 *infra.*
[36] p. 79 *infra.*
[37] p. 69 *infra.*
[38] p. 70 *infra.*
[39] p. 80 *infra.*
[40] pp. 49 and 50 *infra.*
[41] p. 78 *infra.*

Minor events.—On the 9th February the *George*[42] set sail, carrying home the late agent and governor, Streynsham Master. His career in India had shown him to be possessed of great independence of character and high courage. He had saved the factory at Surat from the Marathas in 1670, receiving from the company in memory of his bravery a gold[43] medal inscribed *Pro meritis contra Sevageum apud Suratt, 1670;* and for many years had enjoyed the confidence of the directors. The question of the charges brought against him by his enemies has been[44] discussed elsewhere. Before he sailed, the disputes between him and the government of his successor were settled by compromise. Master[45] agreed to repay a sum overdrawn on account of salary and gratuity. The Madras council consented to[46] refer to England for decision by the committee of management the subject of the claims made by the merchants. One charge was left for[46] adjudication by the civil courts.

On the 13th November the[47] custom of shipping off "this Countrey People and makeing them slaves in other Strange Countreys" was taken into "serious Consideration," and pains and penalties were threatened against any inhabitant of the town who should be convicted of such practices.

On the 14th December, the long-standing connection between Fort St. George and the 'Bay' ceased to exist, and it was[48] resolved that the "Bay Acco^t^ be clear'd off by Acco^t^ Currant in reguard that the "Company has now ordered that place to be an Agency and to be noe "longer dependent to this place."

Local and domestic incidents.—In July the sea "having[49] imbayed "itself just upon the middle of the town" was found to have "eaten "away below the very[50] foundation," and drums were beaten "to call "all Cooleys, Carpenters, Smiths, Peons and all other workmen" that they might "work day and night, to endeavour to put a stop to its "fury." Yet "nothing could avail against its violence," and part of a[51] battery built by Sir William Langhorn fell down.

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[42] p. 14 *infra.* [43] Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV, pp. ccxxvi and ccxxx.
[44] Madras Selections, 4th Series, Introduction.
[45] p. 10 *infra.* [46] p. 13 *infra.* [47] p. 87 *infra.*
[48] p. 96 *infra.* [49] p. 56 *infra.* [50] p. 47.
[51] p. 56 *infra.*

A roistering fellow [52] toasted "ye Divell," and was sentenced "to run the Gantlope." A "very [53] ancient man" on his "earnest request to "lay his bones in England" was allowed a passage in one of the company's ships. A "p̄son [54] alwaies despising authority . . . . and "stil persisting in his contumacy & rebellious carriage" was fined twenty pagodas and deprived of the liberty of wearing his sword.

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[52] p. 40 *infra*. [53] p. 97 *infra*. [54] p. 48 *infra*.

CHELTENHAM,
May 1894.

FORT ST GEORGE JANUARY $\frac{1681}{2}$:

THE DIARY & CONSULTATION BO[OKE] OF THE AGENT GOVERNR & COUNCELL THE[IR] PROCEEDINGS & TRANSACTIONS FOR THE AFFAIRES OF THE HONBLE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN THE AGENCY OF YE COAST OF CORMENDELL & THE BAY OF BENGALL.

At a Consultation.

Present:

WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr. Monday 2d.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. Mr TIMO WILKES.
[M]r JOHN NICKS.

The me[. . .]bers were tasherift as is usuall a[t this] time by ye Agent & Councell & at their going out of ye [. .] were saluted wth 9 : gunns.

The Diamond Merchts being s[ent for ye Agent] and Councell had some discourses with [th]m [. . .] Diamonds.

[WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNO BRIDGER.
TIMO WILKES.]
JOHN NICKS.

[J]OHN WILLCOX Secty.

At a Consultation.

Present:

WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr. Thorsday 5th.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. Mr TIMO WILKES.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

The lrē: to ye Compa to ye 97: paragraph inclusive was read & passed.

Ordered that ye Warehousekeeper doe hire some warehouses to put the Compas goods in there being great want thereof.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNO BRIDGER.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Secty.

8. In the afternoon the Golden Fleece Capt Cook came to an anchor in this road bei[ng] 16 : dayes in his voyage fr[om] Metchp^m abou[t . . a cl]ock Mr Bigrig, the Capt, and Mr. Fleetwo [od came] ashoare & brought the Bay book with Gen^{ll} from Metchp^m & Madap^{lm}.

[A] small Countrey vessell belonging to M^r [1] George Whi[t]e, likewise came to an anchor, [2] Mr Cholmley, M [^{r} . . . . .] & [3] Mr Manwaring came ashoare.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Monday 9th.

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Govern^r.
Mr John Bridger. Mr Tim^o Wilkes.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr John Nicks.

Order'd that ye Warehousekeeper doe land the 2 : Chests of Corall formerly sent to Metchp^m & likewise 1868 : bags Saltpetre out of ye Golden Fleece, soe there will be remaining 3000 : bags on board her, & when they are ashoare, then that ye warehousekeeper doe fortwith lade on her what bales of Callicos shall be thought convenient, & in regard shee brought nothing but Saltpetre from ye Bay, & Course goods from Madapollam, & Capt James Cook makeing complaints thereof to ye Agent & Councell, 'tis resolved that most fine goods be laden upon him to compleat his tonnage.

Mr Master having formerly, upon his difference with Pedda Vencatadry &c^a after their imprisonment, order'd them to pay whole custome, wch they, nor Verona did ever before, it being a priviledge granted them of many years to pay but half custome, they humbly petitioned the Govern^r and Councell, that they may pay noe more than they did before, Viz^t half Custome, the Agent &c^a taking their petitions into consideration & duly weighing, that if they are forced to pay whole Custome they must make the Comp^a pay soe much more for their cloth, or bring it in worse than [4] muster, & besides if they are lessened in their Esteem here, they will be undervalued by the Govern^{rs} of the Countreys, where they provide the cloth, & they will be forced by them to pay whole Custome as they doe here, & soe be much impeded in their businesse the Govern^r &c^a here having maturely weighed and examin'd all circumstances & the reasons aforementioned, have

1 &ca. See notes on pp. 101 to 111.

resolved to grant their desire. Their petition goes home at the [5] end of the Fort Consultation book.

The Councell having had many debates about the 41: Paragraph of the Honble Compas lrē: concerning the Diamond trade, & of the disposall of their stock, wch should be remaining after the ships were gone, have thought it convenient, and most for ye Honble Compas interest, to invest it in Diamonds: for then Diamonds will bee much cheaper, there will be noe buyers at the Mines, & then the Compa will have the choice of that Commodity intirely to themselves, these Considerations with many arguments & debates, & they thinking it without any private ends to be wholly the Compas advantage, & the genuine sense of the 41: paragraph of the Compas lrē: have resolved to invest that stock as abovesaid.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNO BRIDGER.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sectry.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Thursday 12th.

WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. Mr TIMO WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr JOHN NICKS.

The Honble Compas lrē from the 97: paragraph to the 104: inclusive read and passed.

Thos Waters being put into prison for his former misdemeanours, & having petitioned the Governr & Councell for his liberty that he might prepare for his voyage, they have granted his request.

The Commanders of the ships were directed to sign noe bill of ladeing for any Merchandize, but what should be inlisted with the Secretary & upon sight of the Sectry's firm to ye note of pticulars, that then they or their Pursers may signe the bills of ladeing.

Mr Elihu Yale this day came to town from his journey to [6] Porto Novo, Chengie &ca & brought a Cowl from Hargee Raja the Subidar of Chengie upon the receipt of wh was fired 21: guns,

& 11 : guns for Mr Elihu Yale for his good services, & the success he had in ye management of ye businesse he went about.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNO BRIDGER.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sectry.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Monday 16:

Wm GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. Mr TIMO WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

Order'd that Mr John Nicks doe goe aboard ye Golden Fleece and take a muster of the men aboard her & make report thereof to ye Governr & Councell.

Mr [7] Richrd Portman making it his request to ye Governr & Councell that he might be allowed something for fresh provisions for his homeward bound voyage, he being one of the Compas servts his desire was taken into consideration, & he was allowed pagos 30 :

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNO BRIDGER.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sectry.

To ye Worpll Wm GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr of Fort St. George &ca Councell.

WORTHY GENTLEMEN,

Having designed now speedily God willing to return again to my Native Countrey I doe make it my humble request to you that you would please to allow mee something towards my fresh provisions, wch I can assure you, have & will stand mee in at least pagos 120 : the Honble Compa were pleased to allow mee 20 : lbs. for this purpose outward bound, & I remember [8] Mr Read had half his years salary allowed him by Mr Master two years agoe

but what proportion you shall think fit to grant I leave it wholly to your wise determination & subscribe.

Honrd Srs,

Your faithfull affectionate Minister.
RICHARD PORTMAN.

Mr. 9 George Ramsden came to town with his wife and brought a Genll from Madapollam. 17 :

At a Consultation.

Present :

Wm GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr. Thorsday 19 :
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. Mr TIMo WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

The Honble Compas lrē : from paragraph 105 : to paragraph 113 : inclusive read & passed.

Mr John Nicks reported the muster he took the 16th Ditto of the ship Golden Fleeces Compa Vizt : 102 : men & 11 : dead.

Order'd that 50 : bags of rice & 11 : bags of Paddy be laden on board the Golden Fleece for St Helena.

a letter to ye Governr & Councell of St Helena read & passed.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNo BRIDGER.
TIMo WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sectry.

Thos Waters that was releast from prison in order for ye fitting himself for his voyage, going to wash himself in one of the Tanques, was drowned. 21 :

The ship Golden Fleece sailed out of this road & was driven d wn to leeward almost as far as Pollicat about 6 : a clock in the eavening.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Wm GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr. Munday 23 :
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. Mr TIMo WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

A Gen^ll^ to Metchp^m^ read & passed.
A Gen^ll^ to Madapollam read & passed.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^O^ BRIDGER.
TIM^O^ WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
E. Y.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try^.

25 : A letter rec^d^ from Podela Lingapa.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Thorsday 26 :

W^M^ GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governor.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r^ TIM^O^ WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

In regard there is a small quit rent levying upon the houses & ground, & the Agent & Councell not being willing to give occasion of complaint to ye town inhabitants, nor lay too many taxes or impositions upon them 'tis resolved that the monthly tax upon the Buttiques or small shops be at the end of this month taken off, 'twill be some ease & will give greater content, because of the former levy of the quit rent.

Am^t^ about 50 p^a^ p̄ añ̄ :

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^O^ BRIDGER.
TIM^O^ WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try^.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Monday 30 :

W^M^ GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governor.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r^ TIM^O^ WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

The Journall of ye Gen^ll^ books of acco^ts^ for the month of Nov^br^ read & passed.

Mr Tim^o^ Wilkes warehousekeeper his books of acco^ts^ for the month of Dec^br^ read & passed.

Mr John Bigrig Customer his books of acco^ts^ for the month of Dec^br^ read & passed Viz^t^ :—

Sea & land Custome	pag^os^	i2 : 34 : 5 :
Comp^as^ part of ye Weighers duty ...	„	– : 20 : 5 :
Register of slaves, houses, &^ca^	„	5 : 30 : – :
Bazar rents	„	7 : 26 : 3 :
Goods brought in this month for acco^t^ of ye Honble Comp^a^ by their Merch^ts^ in Joynt Stock to ye amo^t^ of pag^os^ 64854 : 1 : for ye land Custome whereby they are to be made D^rs^ in the Gen^ll^ books	„	926 : i7 : – :
	Pag^os^ ...	953 : 2i : i :

Mr John Nicks Paymaster his book of expences for ye month of Dec^br^ read & passed Viz^t^ :

Charges Garrison	6i8 : 29 : 5 :
Do. Gen^ll^	3i8 : ii : 4 :
Do. Dyet	i40 : 2i : 5 :
Do. Cattle	i5 : 3i : – :
Do. Merchandize	6i : 24 : i :
Acco Fortifications repairs &^ca^ ...	70 : 6 : 4 :
Pag^os^ ...	i,225 : i7 : i :

The acco^t^ of Cash for the month of Dec^br^ read & pa[ssed.]
Ballance remaining in Cash pag^os^ 6376 [. . . . .]

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^O^ BRIDGER.
TIM^O^ WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try^.

At a Consultation Ext^ry.

Present:

Tuesday 31:

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Govern^r.
Mr John Bridger. Mr Tim^o Wilkes.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr John Nicks.

Wheras ye Honble Comp^a notwithstanding ye reason given them in a lrē: from ye Fort, doe order the ships [to] be despatched from ye Coast in time w^ch (as wee understand) is ye 20th Jan^ry as in ye Chart[er par]tys, yet ye George arri[ved] here but to day, & wee judging it most for ye Honble [Comp^as] service, that both y^e [ ] & Bengall Merch^t when [they] arrive doe [stop until we h]ave taken in all their [. . . . . . y^e], Agent and Councell after serious consultation by virtue of the powers given to us in ye 105: section of ye Honble Comp^as lrē: dated ye 12: Dec^br 1677: concerning the dispatch of their ships have resolved, that ye George, and the other ships when they come shall remain in this roade, until all or soe many as they can taken in of ye goods provided here for ye Honble Comp^as acco^t for England, be laden aboard them.

In ye morning Capt Eirning fired his guns coming to an anchor about 3: in ye morning, having been but 13: dayes in ye voyage from ye Bay, & about 8: came ash[oare], and brought with him a Gen^ll from ye Cheife &^ca at [10] Ballasor[e] with their books of acco^ts for England & Copies for ye Fort.

Order'd that ye warehousekeeper doe land ye provisions for ye Honble Comp^as acco^t upon ye George, and likewise 896: bales of Saltpetre.

An order of this date was deliver'd to Capt Earning to caution him not to receive any Dyamonds, Diamond bort or Synall aboard his ship.

Mr. Dixon was order'd to goe aboard ye George to survey her and to see how many bales of Callicos shee can take in to compleat her tonnage.

[Order'd] that Mr Tim^o Wilkes Warehousekeeper [. . . . .] goods upon ye George, & upon the acco^t [. . . . . . .] Bales of Callicoes, & satisfying us that it would be time lost to take out ye Saltpetre, it being very

late, notwithstanding the aforsaid order, 'tis now resolved that the Saltpetre remain aboard him.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNO BRIDGER.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Secty.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Wm GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. Mr TIMO WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

February. Thorsday 2d.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper doe land the ropes, 11 Gunny twine &ca from on board the Cesar wch done, forwith that [. . . . .] the bale goods on her to compleat her tonnage.

Order'd that Mr John Nicks doe goe aboard [e ye] ships, & take a muster of each ship & make report the [reof to ye] Governr & Councell.

Mr Master being demanded to repay back what he overpaid himself on accot of his Salary & gratuity made answer if the Governr & Councell would not give him an order to imbark himself for England, rather than stay in the Countrey he would repay it, upon wch 'tis resolv'd & order'd that noe order be given him til he makes the said payment.

The Compas Merchts desiring 200: Candy of Lead it was sold them at the former price, they refusing to give more, therfore the Warehousekeeper was order'd to weigh it off & deliver it to them; & they to make payment at the same time with ye other.

Mr John Nicks and John Willcox Sectry were sent to Mr Master to read to him this following paper, vizt.

Whereas you desir'd an order to imbarque yourself upon the ship George for England it would be readily granted you provided you first pay the Compas demands upon you for wt you overpaid yourself on accot of your Salary & gratuity with the Interest theref to this time & that you give answer to

[12] Mr Vincent's complaints to us about a considerable summe of money in your hands, & how you dispos'd of the silver recd of [13] Mr Joseph Hymmers for his accot, & that you give satisfaction to the sevll Natives of this place who have given in their demands & complaints against you wch has been often and long since demanded of you.

When it was read his answer was he would come to the Governr & Councell & give his answer personally before them about eleven a clock, wch he did, but time being short ye Councell only proceeded upon his overpaying himself his Salary & gratuity, to wch he gave this following answer, after ye Agent & Councell represented the case home to him that the Compas orders were positive & he must pay it, he then seeing there was noe remedy did promise to comply.

William Gyfford.
Jno Bridger.
Timo Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.

John Willcox Sectry.

Capt Andrews came ashore about 12 : a clock.

At a Consultation Extry.

Present :

Fryday 3d :

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent and Governr.
Mr John Bridger. Mr Timo Wilkes.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr John Nicks.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper Mr. Timo Wilkes doe lade with all expedition the Callicos & bale goods on board the Cesar to compleat her ladeing.

The Governr & Councell took into farther examination the businesse relating to Mr Master & the Merchts and the said Mr Master being examin'd upon an accot drawn up by the Merchts his answers were as follos vizt :

As to ye businesse of the [14] Tandour he affirmed that he had a part therof promised by Verona before his death, but being farther pressed about it, answer'd it was impossible a man should give particular accots of things soe long passed.

Pedda Vencatadry, Allingall & Teagapa being examin'd if Verona did make a promise of part of the ship Tandour or her freight to Mr Master, they deposed that they never knew or heard of any such thing or promise, & Mr Bridger and Mr Wilkes both members of Councell then, declared that they ever thought the ship Tandour to belong to Verona and not any part to Mr Master. Pedda Vencatadry offers to make oath that he never told Mr Master that Verona cheated him of pagos 500:

Being examin'd about the pagos 11000: wch Pedda Vencatadry passed a receipt to him for but never recd it, he answer'd that it was paid to his order, & if an oath were administred to him, he would confirm the truth therof by the same before the Governr & Councell.

Allingall Pilla's charge being read to him for the pagos 5000: he forcibly took from him he made this answer, that Allingall Pilla coming to him declared he knew a way to get money that might be very advantagious to him, & that if he would be assisting to ye design he would give him pagos 5000: the businesse was to cheat the Compa as Mr Master sayes, yet notwithstanding he did take the money upon that accot, but Allingall who stood by ansrd the money was forced from him to save his life: for then he was in prison, & kept from Victualls for 2: dayes together & said that Mr Master threatned him he would bury his bones with in the ffort walls, these menaces made him use all ye interest in the world to preserve his life, soe at last he was forced to comply with Mr Master his unjust demands & to pay him the pagos 5000: for wch to this day he pays interest, but if Mr Master did make such an unjust promise for the lucre of the money, then upon non performance of the bargain (for Mr Master declared tha Allingall did not cheat ye Compa) the money ought to be repaid again, but this he detains under a pretence that he will refer it to the Compa because he glosses it over with a fair & specious shew of wrong to ye Compa.

William Gyfford.
Jno Bridger.
Timo Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.

John Willcox Secry.

4: A genll recd from Madapollam.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Munday 6th.

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent and Governr.
Mr John Bridger. Mr Timo Wilkes.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr Jno Nicks.

The Honble Compas lrē: to ye 13th Paragraph read & passed Doctour Heathfeild coming to ye Governr & Councell & representing to them how necessary it would be for ye Garrison to have an understanding pson for his assistant and to supply his place in ca[se] of Mortality & there being a young man on board the George who is commended for an able man by Doctor Stuart, 'tis thought convenient to entertain him at pagos 5: p mensem & an order was written to Capt Earning to give him a discharge from the ship.

Mr John Nicks made report of the Muster he took of the ships the 2d instant vizt.

Ship George 103: men wherof 14: in the Countrey, 25: dead in the Voyage & one run away.

Ship Cesar 93: men, two run away & 12: dead in ye voyage.

Mr Master paid into ye Honble Compas Cash ye pagos on account of what he overpaid himself for his Salary & gratuity.

William Gyfford.
Jno Bridger.
Timo Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.

John Willcox Sectry.

At a Consultation Extry.

Present:

Tuesday 7th.

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr John Bridger. Mr Timo Wilkes.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr John Nicks.

A Genll to ye Accompt Genll in England read & passed. Mr Master being sent for up before the Agent & Councell and the

Merchts depositions read to him & his answers requir'd therunto, he gave a more ingenuous accot now than ever, wch occasioned a conclusion of this businesse, it being refer'd to ye Honble Compa, excepting only that of Allingalls, wch he intends to try out at law here having evidence sufficient for it.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNO BRIDGER.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Secry.

At a Consultation Extry.

Present:

WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent and Governr.
MR JOHN BRIDGER. MR TIMO WILKES.
MR JOHN BIGRIG. MR ELIHU YALE.
MR JOHN NICKS.

Wednesday 8th.

The Genll to ye Honble Compa read & passed from Paragraph ye 14th to Paragraph ye 27th.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNO BRIDGER.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Secry.

At a Consultation.

Present:

WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
MR JOHN BRIDGER. MR TIMO WILKES.
MR JOHN BIGRIG. MR ELIHU YALE.
MR JOHN NICKS.

Thursday 9th.

Mr Master came up before the Governr & Councell and came to an accommodation about Pedda Vencatadry's businesse upon wch he had an order deliver'd him to imbarke himself upon ye George.

About 12 : a clock Capt Earning had his dispatch deliverd him.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^o BRIDGER.
TIM^o WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

About 3 : a clock in the afternoon Capt Earning went off ye shoare with Mr Master & Mr Cholmley in order for their imbarking, the George about 3 : in the morning having saluted ye Fort, set saile shee was in sight til about 3 : in the afternoon.

At a Consultation Ex^try.

Present :

Fryday 10 :

W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r TIM^o WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
M^r JN^o NICKS.

The Honble Comp^as lrē : from paragraph 27 : to paragraph the 30th inclusive read & passed.

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JN^o BRIDGER.
TIM^o WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

All papers &c^a being in a readinesse Capt Andrews had his dispatch deliverd him about 5 : a' clock in the afternoon, upon whome imbarked as passengers for England Mr George White, Mr Richard Portman & 15 Mr Thos Lucas, he set sail about 3 : in the morning.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Munday 13th.

W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r TIM^o WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
M^r JN^o NICKS.

Order'd that the warehousekeeper doe deliver one or two Chests Ryalls $\frac{8}{8}$ to Amara Rangapa at the rate of $16\frac{7}{16}$ weighty Ryalls for 10 : pag[os] to pay at 2 : months.

M[r] Tim[o] Wilkes reported the weight of one chest Ryalls $\frac{8}{8}$ No. 243: poiz : oz : 3059 : 12 : w[ch] is oz : 5 : 17 : — : more than what Invoiced by ship Golden Fleece.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN[o] BRIDGER.
TIM[o] WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN WILLCOX Sec[try]. JOHN NICKS.

At a Consultation.

Present :

W[M] GYFFORD Esq[r] Agent & Govern[r]. — Thorsday 16th.
M[r] JOHN BRIDGER. M[r] TIM[o] WILKES.
M[r] JOHN BIGRIG. M[r] ELIHU YALE.
M[r] JOHN NICKS.

The Merch[ts] making it their desire to have 100 : Candys of Lead more spared them M[r] Tim[o] Wilkes Warehousekeeper was order'd to weigh it off & deliver it them they to pay at y[e] former rate and at the same time.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN[o] BRIDGER.
TIM[o] WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN WILLCOX Sec[try]. JOHN NICKS.

A lrē : rec[d] from Gopall Pontulo from Port Novo.

a lrē : rec[d] from Sancrogee Pontulo. — 18 :

a Gen[ll] rec[d] from Madap[lm] with their Diarys Consultations acco[t] Cash &c[a].

At a Consultation.

Present :

W[M] GYFFORD Esq[r] Agent and Govern[r]. — Monday 20 :
M[r] JOHN BRIDGER. M[r] TIM[o] WILKES.
M[r] JOHN BIGRIG. M[r] ELIHU YALE.
M[r] JN[o] NICKS.

The Councell overlookt some Diamonds & had sev[ll] discourses about the prices.

Order'd that M[r] Timo Wilkes doe deliver one Chest weighty Ryalls $\frac{8}{8}$ to Chellapa Chitte at y[e] rate of 16 $\frac{1}{16}$ Ryalls for pag[o] 10 : to pay at 2 : months.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN[O] BRIDGER.
TIM[O] WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN WILLCOX Sec[try]. JOHN NICKS.

At a Consultation Ex[try].

Present :

Wednesday 22 : W[M] GYFFORD Esq[r] Agent & Govern[r].
M[r] JOHN BRIDGER. M[r] TIM[O] WILKES.
M[r] JOHN BIGRIG. M[r] ELIHU YALE.
M[r] JN[O] NICKS.

The Agent having rec[d] yesterday a lrē : from [16] S[r] Josiah Child Govern[r] of the Hon[ble] East India Comp[a] wherin he gives intimation that as great a quantity of Raw silk as they can, be provided at Bengall, in order therunto 'tis resolv'd and order'd that 10 : Chests of silver be sent down to y[e] Bay on one of the Comp[ns] vessells to supply them for the carrying on this great Investment.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN[O] BRIDGER.
TIM[O] WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN WILLCOX Sec[try]. JOHN NICKS.

A Gen[ll] rec[d] from Metchp[m] with their Consultations acco[t] Cash stewards acco[t] &c[a].

A Spanish ship arriv'd in this road from Monila.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Thorsday 23 : W[M] GYFFORD Esq[r] Agent & Govern[r].
M[r] JOHN BRIDGER. M[r] TIM[O] WILKES.
M[r] JOHN BIGRIG. M[r] ELIHU YALE.
M[r] JN[O] NICKS.

Mr Timo Wilkes reported the weight of 1 : Chest Rya[lls] $\frac{a}{8}$ No. 240 : poiz oz : 3502 : 12 ; wch is oz : 4 : 2 : more than what Invoiced by ship Golden Fleece.

The Journall of ye Genll books of accots for the month of Decbr read & passed.

Mr Tim o Wilkes warehousekeeper his books of accots for the month of Janr read & passed.

Mr Jno Bigrig Customer his books of accots for the month of Janry read & passed, Vizt

Amot of Sea & land custome ...	... pagos	44 : 24 : 3 :
The Compas part of ye weighers duty	,,	1 : 13 : 1 :
Register of Slaves &ca	,,	2 : 14 : 1 :
Farm of petty land Customes to Ralph Ord & Clemt King at pos 600 p̄ añ : $\frac{1}{3}$ now due	,,	200 : - : - :
Farm of Paddy ground to Palsova Kisna	,,	20 : - : - :
	pagos ...	268 : 16 : 3 :

Goods brought in this month of accot of ye Honble Compa by their Merchts to ye amot of	pagos	4360 : 14 : 5 :
For the land Custome wherof they are to be made Drs in the Honble Compas books	pagos	622 : 30 : - :

Mr Jno Nicks Paymaster his books of Expenses for the month of Janry read & passed, Vizt ist.

Charges Garrison	pagos	594 : 19 : 3 :
Charges Genll	,,	166 : 16 : 4 :
Charges Dyet	,,	116 : 10 : 3 :
Charges Cattle	,,	16 : 11 : 1 :
Charges Merchandize	,,	67 : 35 : 1 :
Charges Fortifications &ca	,,	114 : 31 : - :
	pagos ...	1048 : 16 : - :

Accot Cash for ye month of Janry read & passed.

Cash remaining in Chest ... pagos 53266 : 26 : 2 :

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TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Secty.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Monday 27th.

W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r.
M^r JN^o BRIDGER. M^r TIM^o WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

There being great necessity for ye building a new [17] Godown to sort ye Honble Comp^as cloth in, because there may be sev^ll frauds and cheats put upon them by sorting and keeping it in that wch was called Verona's where the Merch^ts keep their own people who are alwaies watching to chop & change the cloth & put that of a lower number into ye place of a higher after 'tis sorted 'tis therfore concluded upon as being much for the Comp^as interest to build a new warehouse where their cloth may be better secured from such cheating practises, another reason is this warehouse is too small to contain the cloth after 'tis sorted, & the cloth of one number lying soe close by that of another the peices may be easily intermixed, wch is the only reason that the cloth appears soe ill sorted in England & seeing the Comp^a doe intend mightily to inlarge their stock there will not be half room enough, these things being duly considered a new warehouse was order'd to be built. 'tis likewise concluded upon to build a new powder house the other being sold with ye ground of the old garden.

A Gen^ll to ye Honble Comp^a read & passed.

A Gen^ll to Hugly read & passed.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^o BRIDGER.
TIM^o WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

A ship belonging to [18] Mr Jearsey arrived in this road from Monila.

March 1. 3 : lrēs : rec^d from our Egyb, Bramine Veraraguia from Golconda.

A lrē : rec^d from Bramines Madana & Accana.

A lrē : rec^d from Podela Lingapa.

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At a Consultation.

Present :

W GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr. — Thursday 2d.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. Mr TIMo WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

Pedda Vencatadry &ca Merchts were sent for & discourst about taking off the Copper plates, Corall, Vermilion &ca the Compas goods & a set price was put upon them, to wch they promised to bring an answer on Munday next.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNo BRIDGER.
TIMo WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sectry.

At a Consultation.

Present :

WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr. — Munday 6th.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. Mr TIMo WILKES.
Mr JNo BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

Bramine Lingapa having by lrẽs : & other indirect meanes prevail'd with Bramine Accana to order the payment of their towns rent to him, contrary to our Cowl & 19 Salabod and considering a President of this nature would bring the Compas businesse into endlesse disorders & confusion, Lingapa being of such a turbalent spirit and perpetually incroaching upon our priviledges, 'tis thought convenient & much for the Compas interest to prevent this design wch may be soe prejudiciall in the event, by sending up to Accana a small present to the value of pagos 150 : as a means for him to retract his former order & pagos 50 to ye great men about him to engage them to afford us their Freindly assistance in this affair and pagos 5 : to Madana's son as accustomary, he being newly made a Bramine.

Pedda Vencatadry &ca Merchts were farther discourst about the taking off the Compas goods but could not be brought to the prices put on them by the Councell last Thorsday tho : ye Agent

&c^a were very urgent with them for sev^ll hours together, for most of the goods they bid under prime Cost, they were therfore order'd to come again next Thorsday.

Letters for ye Honble Comp^a, Surat, Bengall, and Metchp^m were discours^t about & taken into consideration.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^o BRIDGER.
TIM^o WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

At a Consultation Ex^try:

Present:

Wednedays 8th.

Wm GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r TIM^o WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
M^r JN^o NICKS.

A Gen rec^d from Surat with sev^ll lrẽs: from ye Honble Comp^a vizt of the 15th March 1680: and 20th May 1681: Copies of the 22th April & 22th July 1681: originalls, with 3 Gen^lls to Bengall of ye 22th April and 20th May copies, and July 22th 1681: originall, all wch lrẽs: were perused & taken into consideration by the Agent & Councell.

Addition to ye Comp^as lrẽ: of ye 27th Feb: read and passed.
addition to ye Bay lrẽ: of ye 27th Feb: read & passed.
a Gen^ll to Metchp^m read & passed.
a Gen^ll to Mr Charnock read & passed.
a Gen^ll to Surat read & passed.

Resolv'd and order'd that Mr Robt Freeman ye now 3^d of Metchp^m doe repair to ye Fort, ye Agent &c^a having now some other imployment.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^o BRIDGER.
TIM^o WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

At a Consultation.

Present:

W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r. Thursday 9th.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r TIM^o WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
M^r JN^o NICKS.

The Honble Comp^a having order'd the provision of a vast Investment of Silk this year and upon their want of Cash order'd them in ye Bay to take up money at Interest or by Exchange to further the same, the Agent & Councell taking these things into Consideration have order'd that ye goods that have lain dead a great while in the Godowns here be sent to Bengall, the Merch^ts bidding but very low rates for them here, and considering that Bengall is a better market for some of these goods than this place, and the sending them there will much forward them in ye providing this great Investment, besides when part is sent away the remainder will goe off better here, 'tis therfore resolv'd and order'd that ye warehousekeeper doe leave on ye sloop Madapo^lm for ye Bay these following goods vizt.

Half ye Copper plates in ye Fort.
All the Tinne.
One tub of Vermilion.
Half ye Quicksilver.
2 : barrells of Indigo.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^o BRIDGER.
TIM^o WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^ty.

The Anapourna a ship from Monila arriv'd in this road.
A ship from [20] Achin came to an Anchor in this road. 12:

At a Consultation.

Present:

W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r. Monday 13th.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r TIM^o WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

The sloop Madap[lm] wanting an able Pilot to carry her down to y[e] Bay & there going a considerable charge of Silver and other goods upon her for that place the Agent &c[a] have entertained John Hampton in that imployment, as being a pson sober, of a good Character & fit to be trusted with so great a concern, his wages to be the same with the other Pilots of y[e] Bay.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNO BRIDGER.
TIMO[th] WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec[try].

14: A Gen[ll] rec[d] from Metchp[lm].
A Gen[ll] rec[d] from Madap[lm].
15: A lrē : rec[d] from Golcondah from Bramine Veraraguiah.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Thursday 16 :
W[M] GYFFORD Esq[r] Agent & Govern[r].
M[r] JOHN BRIDGER. M[r] TIMO WILKES.
M[r] JOHN BIGRIG. M[r] ELIHU YALE.
M[r] JOHN NICKS.

The Govern[r] & Councell having recd a lrē : from y[e] Cheife &c[a] at Madap[lm] concerning the stopping of Paddy boats & timbers by the Govern[r] of Narsapour took it into examination, & having perused an information given into y[e] said Govern[r] of Narsapour wherein he sayes Piendecondela Jaggapa & Erramchitte Jaggapa acquainted him that the said boates & timbers did belong to Sancu Narso & not to y[e] English, w[ch] said Information was deliver'd by him to y[e] Cheife &[a] at Madap[lm] & from thence transmitted to the Fort, y[e] Agent &c[a] having pused the same and having sent for y[e] said Piendecondela Jaggapa & Erramchitte Jaggapa & examin'd them about the said information, they gave for answer that they never spoke to y[e] Govern[r] of Narsapour about any such businesse, nor ever writ soe much as one lrē : relating therto, but were wholly innocent therin & for their justification did voluntarily promise to give bond to clear themselves & if ever it could be proved that they were guilty

they would undergoe what pains & penaltys the Govern^r & Councell would inflict upon them, & for their Securitys promised to leave their ffathers here whilst they went to Narsapour to clear themselves face to face before the Govern^r there.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^o BRIDGER.
TIM^o WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

A lrē : rec^d from Port Novo from Gopall Pundit. 18 :
A lrē : rec^d from Hargee Raja Madick from ye Camp.

At a Consultation.

Present :

W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r TIM^o WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

A Gen^ll to ye Cheife and Councell at Hugly read & passed. Munday : 20.
A Genl to ye Cheife & Councell at Ballasore read & passed.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^o BRIDGER.
TIM^o WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.

JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

A lrē : rec^d from Madura from Vishuanata Naigue.

At a Consultation.

Present :

W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r. Thorsday 23 :
M^r JN^o BRIDGER. M^r TIM^o WILKES.
M^r JN^o BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
M^r JN^o NICKS.

A Gen^ll to Metchp^m read & passed.

Mr Hampton's dispatch read & passed.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNO BRIDGER.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sectry.

24 : Sloop Madaplm sail'd out of this road.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Munday 27 : WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. Mr TIMO WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JNO NICKS.

The Journall of the Genll books of accots for the month of Janry read & passed.

Mr Timo Wilkes warehousekeeper his books of accots for the month of Febry read & passed.

Mr John Bigrig his books of accots for Customes recd for the month of Feb read & passed Vizt :

Sea & Land Custome	pagos	464 : 14 : 1 :
Compas part of ye weighers duty	...	2 : 12 : 5 :
Register of slaves houses &ca ...	...	4 : 8 : 3 :
Recd for Plantains sold out of ye new garden		8 : 16 : – :
	Pagos...	479 : 15 : 3 :

The Purser Mr John Nicks his book of Expences for the month of Febt read & passed vizt :

Charges Garrison	pagos	505 : 17 : 2 :
Charges Genll	...	264 : 17 : 5 :
Charges Dyet	...	109 : 30 : 1 :
Charges Cattle	...	16 : – : 1 :
Charges Merchandize	...	71 : 10 : 3 :
Account Fortifications	...	115 : 11 : 3 :
	Pagos...	1082 : 15 : 3 :

The acc^{ot} of cash for the month of February read & passed. Cash remaining in chest ... ... pag^{os} 61408 : 35 : 2 :

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^{o} BRIDGER.
TIM^{o} WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN WILLCOX Sec^{try}. JOHN NICKS.

2 : Gen^{lls} one to Metchp^{m} & another to Madapl^{m} were sent to the Councell to be read & approv'd of wch were done accordingly & soe were sent forward as directed, likewise a lrē : sent to ye Sobidar of Porto Novo & one to ye Naigue of Madura. 28 :

A ship arriv'd in this road from Achin.

The Councell met but noe businesse presented. Thorsday 30 :

The Bengall Merch^{t} came to an anchor in this roade. April 2 :

At a Consultation.

Present :

W^{M} GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^{r}. Monday 3 :
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^{r} TIM^{o} WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

Doctour Jemmet came ashore and brought with him a packet from Metchp^{m} with their books of acco^{ts} according to a list, likewise copie of Mr Vincent's &c^{a} Gen^{ll} to y^{e} Fort of y^{e} 14th Jan^{ry} 16$\frac{81}{82}$ allw^{ch} were pused.

The acco^{t} of y^{e} Diamonds being made up the Govern^{r} made a division of the money the Honble Comp^{a} are pleased to allow on that acco^{t} amounting in all to pag^{os} 3821 : 4 :—it being for the whole Investment to this time, the Bengall's Invoice being included.

Order'd that Mr John Nicks doe goe on board ye Bengall Merch^{t} & take a muster of her men and report the same to the Councell.

Order'd that Mr Tim^{o} Wilkes warehousekeeper doe lade on board the Bengall Merch^{t} 6 ; bales of Callicos.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^{o} BRIDGER.
TIM^{o} WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN WILLCOX Sec^{try}. JOHN NICKS.

ship Tribitore saild out of this road being bound for Monila.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Thorsday 6th.

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Govern^{r}.
Mr John Bridger. Mr Tim^{o} Wilkes.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr John Nicks.

Addition to ye Comp^{as} lrē : from ye 31th to ye 41th Paragraph read & passed.

Mr John Nicks reported ye Muster of Bengall Merch^{ts} men vizt 105 ; men, 13 : dead in ye voyage and 2 ; run away.

William Gyfford.
Jno Bridger.
Tim^{o} Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.

John Willcox Sec^{try}.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Munday 10th.

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Govern^{r}.
Mr John Bridger. Mr Tim^{o} Wilkes.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr John Nicks.

The Honble Comp^{as} lrē : from Paragraph 41: to Paragraph 48 ; inclusive read & passed.

The acco^{t} of Cash for this month to ye date herof was read & passed & the acco^{t} of ye Ballence sent to ye Honble Comp^{a} being pag^{os} 64965; 12 : 5.

William Gyfford.
Jno Bridger.
Tim^{o} Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.

John Willcox Sec^{try}.

A ship called the Pearl sailed out of this road for Bengall.

At a Consultation.

Present :

W^M^ GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r^. Thorsday 13 :
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r^ TIM^o^ WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

An addition to ye Honble Comp^as^ lrē : from ye 48th Paragraph read & passed.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^o^ BRIDGER.
TIM^o^ WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^ry^.

The Dispatch was deliver'd to Capt John Goldsbrough of this date. 15 :

A Gen^ll^ rec^d^ from Metchp^m^.

A Gen^ll^ rec^d^ from Madapollam. 16

At a Consultation.

Present :

W^M^ GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r^. Munday 17th.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r^ TIM^o^ WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

The Comp^as^ Dubasse & Bramine at Madap^lm^ coming to ye Fort by our order, declared they had a power given them from ye Merch^ts^ there to treat with ye Agent &c^a^ about an abatement upon the Course & fine goods, the Govern^r^ &c^a^ therfore having discourst them could bring them to noe other termes than 4 : p̄ cent upon the Course and 1 p̄ cent abatement upon the fine goods, but one Gruapa a p̄son reputed at Madap^lm^ to be one of great dealings & a money'd man sent up two p̄sons to ye Fort to negotiate likewise with ye Agent & Councell & he gave them a Commission to abate 1 : p̄ Cent more than what should be proffer'd by the Dubasse & Bramine in behalf of the Madap^lm^ Merch^ts^ these p̄sons therfore coming before the Govern^r^ &c^a^ made a proffer to abate 5 : p̄ Cent upon the Course & 2 : p̄ Cent upon the fine goods & these things being taken into consideration the Dubasse

& Bramine were sent for & told what these two p̄sons did proffer in behalf of Gruapa and were very much pressed to come to ye same abatement, to wch they replied they were the Cōmp^as^ servants and only imploy'd by the Merch^ts^ & could not goe beyond their Commission, but at last they yeilded to ye same abatement, 'twas therfore after mature consideration (both parties being sent out) order'd that the Madap^lm^ Merchants & Gruapa and his Comp^a^ should be joyn'd together in the contract for the Investment, if such an accord could be made between them for tho: Gruapa &c^a^ did first proffer 1: p̄ cent abatement upon the Course & 1: p̄ cent upon ye fine goods more than ye Dubasse & Bramine yet ye Madap^lm^ Merch^ts^ being old serv^ts^ to the Comp^a^ & alwaies very punctuall & being now willing to make the same abatement, 'twas therfore thought most convenient to joyne Gruapa & them together, they have also engaged to abate 10: p̄ cent upon ye Golcondah Bettelas to take off 5000: pag^os^ of Europe goods this year and pag^os^ 10000: ye next year & to endeavour to bring the Merch^ts^ to 8: p̄ Cent upon w^t^ money shall be deliver'd them beforehand. Gruapa &c^a^ to have ¼ part and the whole divided in 10: shares, the Agent &c^a^ therfore order'd that pag^os^ 25000: be sent to Madap^lm^ with an order to ye Cheife &c^a^ there to accommodate this businesse between these two parties if possible, but if ye Madap^lm^ Merch^ts^ would not be brought to an accommodation, nor would be joyned with Gruapa &c^a^ for ye management of ye Comp^as^ Investments then that Gruapa and his Comp^a^ be intrusted with the providing ye Comp^as^ cloth they being p̄sons very responsibible & will give any security that shall be requir'd.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^O^ BRIDGER.
TIM^O^ WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try^. JOHN NICKS.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Thursday 20th.

W^M^ GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r^.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r^ TIM^O^ WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

A Gen^ll^ to Madap^lm^ read & passed.

Order'd that ye Warehousekeeper doe buy 2: p^s^ scarlet to cut out in Tasheriffs for ye Madap^lm^ Merch^ts^ upon this their new contract & likewise in Gold chains to such a value that together with ye cloth may make up pag^os^ 200:

Order'd that 8: yards scarlet cloth be given to ye following p̄sons as Tasheriffs and pag^os^ 40: for their charges coming to this place vizt.

To Mangaraz Bramine	yards	2:
To Ramana Dubasse	"	2:
To Aripo	"	2:
To Muttarasu	"	2:

It was resolv'd upon that this present Dubasse & Bramine remain noe longer at Madap^lm^ than that they have setled this new contract with ye Merch^ts^ & Gruapa &c^a^ for then wee intend to send them to Codalour having occasion for them there & soe resettle the old Bramines in their places at Madap^lm^, for wee think it very convenient to make such a remove.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
J^NO^ BRIDGER.
TIM^O^ WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try^.

At a Consultation Ex^try^. Fryday 21th.

W^M^ GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r^.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r^ TIM^O^ WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

The Bengall Merch^t^ notwithstanding her dispatch continuing in this roade for want of good winds to carry her off the Agent & Councell having made an abatement upon the Madap^lm^ Investment, did resolve to give y Honble Comp^a^ an acc^t^ therof, a lrē: therfore of this date was read & passed & sent by her.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
J^NO^ BRIDGER.
TIM^O^ WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try^.

Capt John Goldsbrough sailed out of the roade.
A Genll recd from Metchpm.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Munday 24th.

WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. Mr TIMO WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YABE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

The Journall of ye Genll books of accots for the month of Feb: read & passed.

Mr Timo Wilkes Warehousekeeper his books of accots for ye month of March read & passed.

Mr John Bigrig Customer his books of accts of Customes recd for ye month of March read & passed, vizt.

Amount of Sea and Land Customes Pagos	681 : 8 : -:
Weighers Duty	5 : 15 : 1 :
Register of Slaves Houses &ca	10 : 24 : 3 :
Rent for the house neare the [21] Sea Gate ...	8 : 4 : 3 :
Quitt rents for 6 Gardens	5 : 18 : -:
[22] Curtaine Godowne Rents	3 : 16 ; -:
Amount of this mo : ...	714 : 14 : 1 :

Mr Elihu Yale Mintmaster his books of accots of p̄ticular mens Gold coyned in the mint for ye month of March read & passed vizt.

Particular p̄sons Gold coyned pagos 28726 : at ½ p̄ Cent amots to ... ... Pos 143 : 27 : –

Mr John Nicks Paymaster his book of Expences for ye month of March read & passed vizt :

Charges Garrison ... ... pagos :	521 : 23 : 2 :
Charges Genll	411 : 21 : 2 :
Charges Dyet	111 : 28 : -:
Charges Cattle	16 : 3 : -:
Charges Merchandise	65 : 22 : 3 :
Charges ffortifications	303 : 17 : 6 :
Pagos :	1430 : 8 : -:

The accot of Cash for ye month of March read & passed vizt : Cash remaining in Chest ... pagos : 65,364 : 1 : 2 ;

Pedda Vencatadry & Allingall having desired the Agent and Councell to spare them 10: Candy of Copper & 20: Candy of Lead, ye Warehousekeeper was order'd to weigh them off 20: Candy of Lead at pagos 10: p̄ candy and 10: Candy of Copper plates at pagos 61½: p̄ Candy.

A Genll to ye Chiefe & Councell at Madaplm of this date read & passed.

The Governr of Metchpm having been very abusive to ye English there & put sevll affronts upon the Factory to ye great dammage of ye Company in ye obstructing of their affairs & trade, 'tis therfore resolved that a lrē: be sent to him.

Order'd that ye Codalour Merchts be sent for to ye Fort to conclude about a contract for an investment & that they bring the Musters of all the sorts of cloth, both those of ye English & those of ye Dutch.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNO BRIDGER.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sectry.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Thursday 27:

WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. Mr TIMO WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

A Genll to Metchpm read & passed.

A Genll to Madaplm read & passed.

Order'd that ye following pticulars be bought & paid for, for ye Honble Compas use.

Horse furniture for Sadler's ware amots to pagos 43: 32: –:
Blunderbusses 6: at pas 4: each ... ... 24: –: –:
likewise for wt was expended in sevll things,
ye Compas being all gone.

Fruit & spice bought ...	lb. 8: 4: 9:
Cheshire cheeses	2: 15: 8:
Olives, Capers, anchovies Gammoms of bacon & Neats tongues	13: –: –:

lb. 24: – : –5: Pag^os 53: 12: –:

Pag^os 121: 8: –:

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^O BRIDGER.
TIM^O WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

Munday pmo May. The Councell met but noe businesse presented.

A lrẽ: to ye Sobidar of Porto Novo.

A lrẽ: to ye Merch^ts of Porto Novo, & one to ye Avaldar there.

2: A Gen^ll rec^d from Metchp^m.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Thorsday 4: W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r.
M^r TIM^O WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.

The whole Councell being duly summon'd

Mr Thomas Clarke Interpreter presenting a Petition to ye Govern^r and Councell to be dismist from ye Honble Comp^as service he being very sick & weak and not able now by reason of his infirmity to give such due & constant attendance on ye Honble Comp^as affairs as usually he used to doe before, the Councell pus'd it, but having other businesse in hand refer'd the consideration therof til Monday next.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^O BRIDGER.
TIM^O WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try. JOHN NICKS.

To ye Rt Worpll Wm Gyfford Esqr. Agent for ye Honble English East India Compa their affairs on ye Coast of Cormandell Bay of Bengall & Orixa and Governr of Fort St George &ca worthy Councell, humbly present.

May it please your Worp: &ca.

How much against my inclinations & Interest I offer this trouble to your Worp: &ca all may bee my Judges that know ye obligation & honour I have for these many years received from ye Honble Compas service & ye favourable commands of their sevll most wise & worthy Agents & Councells pticularly from ye present, but 'tis now my unhappinesse to become a Petitioner against my self, caused by a 8: or 9: years continuall indisposition of body and more especially by my last sicknesse, wch hath soe far weakened mee yt it hath quite debilitated my services & rendred mee uncapable of those respects & dutys I owe the Honble Compa & your worthyselves wch my Conscience obliges mee to inform you of, and humbly to request that your Worp: &ca will please to doe ye Honble Compa ye right to ease them of an unproffittable & uselesse servt by discharging mee from their generous Salary and service with that most happy exit well done good and faithfull servant, wch if it should please God to restore mee to my former health & ability will oblige my services to ye Honble Compa and your worthy selves the remainder of my life being devoted by

Rt Worpll &ca.
Your most obliged, most faithfull
& most obedient servt
Thomas Clarke.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Munday 8th:

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent and Governr.
Mr John Bridger. Mr Timo Wilkes.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr John Nicks.

The Agent and Councell took into consideration ye Petition deliver'd last Thorsday by Mr Thos Clarke & have upon accot of his living at some distance from ye Fort and ye necessity of his

giving his constant attendance upon ye Governr &ca about ye Compas businesse, allowed him 2 pagos p mensem more towards the defraying his Pallanquin charges, he being very crazy and much weaken'd by his sicknesse.

Order'd that ye Warehousekeeper doe deliver 4 : or 5 : Chests of Silver to Chellapa Chitte, Sura Vengana &ca at ye rate of 16 : Ryalls 8/8 for pagos 10 : to pay at 2 : months.

A Genll to Madaplm read & passed.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNO BRIDGER.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sectry.

9 : A Genll recd from Madapollam.

10 : a ship came into this roade from Porto Novo.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Thorsday 11 : WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent and Governr.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. Mr TIMO WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

A Genll to ye Cheife & Councell at Hugly read & passed.

The Councell took into consideration the settlement of the Factory at Codalour & have order'd it as follows Vizt :

Mr Robert Freeman Cheife.
Mr 2s Richrd Brown 2d.
Mr Richrd Milton 3d.
Francis Bett writer.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNO. BRIDGER.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sectry.

At a Consultation.

Present:

W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent and Govern^r. Munday 15:
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r TIM^o WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr J^No NICKS.

Mr Tim^o Wilkes Warehousekeeper reported ye weight of 5: Chests silver poiz: together oz: 17530: 4: wch is oz: 30: 14:—: more than what Invoiced p̄ ship Golden Fleece.

Order'd that ye warehousekeeper doe deliver 2: or 3: Chests of Silver to Chellapa Chitte & Meriale Vengana at ye rate of 16: Ryalls ⅝ for pag^os 10: payable in 2 months time after delivery.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
J^No BRIDGER.
TIM^o WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

A ship belonging to this Port came to an anchor in this road from Goa. 17:

At a Consultation.

Present:

W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent and Govern^r. Thursday 18:
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r TIM^o WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr J^No NICKS.

Mr Tim^o Wilkes warehousekeeper reported ye weight of 3: Chests silver poiz together oz: 10465: 7:—wch is oz: 10: 17:— more than what Invoiced p̄ ship Golden Fleece.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
J^No BRIDGER.
TIM^o WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

20: A lrē: recd from Yeadava Venaiacu from Porto Novo.
21: A lrē: recd from Gopall Pundit from Porto Novo.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Munday 22: Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr John Bridger. Mr Timo Wilkes.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr Jno Nicks.

A lrē: to ye Avaldar of Porto Novo.

Order'd that ye Warehousekeeper deliver 6: Chests silver to ye Silver Merchants . . . . at ye rate of 15 Ryalls $\frac{15}{16}$ for pagos 10: they to make payment in 2 months.

A Genll to Madaplm read & passed.

The Journall of ye Genll Books of accots for ye month of March read & passed.

Mr Timo Wilkes warehousekeeper his books of accots for ye month of April read & passed.

Mr John Bigrig Customer his books of accots of Customes recd for ye month of April read & passed Vizt:

Sea & Land Custome	pagos	376: 15: 19:
Weighers duty	,,	2: 8: 28:
Register of houses slaves &ca ...	,,	6: 30: 50:
	Pagos ...	385: 17: 97:

Mr Elihu Yale Mintmaster his books of accots of pticular mens Gold coyned in ye mint for the month of April read & passed Vizt:

Perticular psons gold coyned	pagos	19120: –: –:
at ½ p Cent ...	,,	95: 22: –:

Mr John Nicks Paymaster his books of Expences for the month of April read & passed vizt.

Charges Garrison	pagos	536: –: 5:
Charges Genll	,,	291: 16: –:
Charges Dyet	,,	116: 28: 3:
Charges Cattle	,,	18: 21: 2:
Charges Merchandize	,,	159: 21: –:
Charges Fortifications &c.	,,	336: 14: 3:
	Pagos ...	1458: 30: 2:

The acco^t^ of Cash for the month of April read & passed Viz^t^ from ye 10th,

Cash remaining in Chest ... Pag^os^ 36592 : 12 : 5 :

William Gyfford.
Jno Bridger.
Tim^o^ Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.

John Willcox Sec^try^.

A ship called ye Flying-horse arriv'd in this road from Surat.

A Gen^ll^ rec^d^ from Metchp^m^ with their Dyarys Consultations & acco^t^ Cash for the month of April. 23 :

A Gen^ll^ rec^d^ from Madap^lm^ with their Dyarys Consultations but noe acco^t^ Cash.

At a Consultation.

Present :

W^M^ Gyfford Esqr Agent & Govern^r^. Thursday 25th :
Mr John Bridger. Mr Tim^o^ Wilkes.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr Jno Nicks.

Order'd that Mr Tim^o^ Wilkes warehousekeeper doe deliver 100 : Candy of Lead to Chinna Grua at ye rate of pag^os^ 10 : p̄ Candy ready money.

Mr Tim^o^ Wilkes warehousekeeper reported ye weight of 6 Chests silver sold ye 22th Instant poiz altogēr oz : 21027 : 9 :— wch is oz : 17 : 9 : — more than what Invoiced p̄ ship Golden Fleece.

William Gyfford.
Jno Bridger.
Tim^o^ Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.

John Willcox Sec^try^.

A Gen^ll^ rec^d^ from Metchp^m^. 27 :
A Gen^ll^ rec^d^ from Madap^lm^. 28 :

At a Consultation.

Present:

Munday 29th: Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr John Bridger. Mr Timo Wilkes.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr Jno Nicks.

There being a parcell of Course silk to be bought in the town ye Agent & Councell in persuance of ye Liberty granted them by the Honble Compa to provide any new sortes of silks have resolved to buy it up & send it home as musters the prices & sorts are as follows Vizt:

No 1: at 4: annas p̄ 24 seer.
2: at 12: annas p̄ seer.
3: at 1: rupee p̄ seer.
4: at 1: rupee 8: ans p̄ seer.
5: at 1: rupee 12: ans p̄ seer.
6: at 2 rupees p̄ seer.

William Gyfford.
Jno Bridger.
Timo Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Willcox Secrty. John Nicks.

A ship arriv'd in this road from Surat belonging to Mr Mohun.

30: A lrē: to Gopall Pundit Sobidar of Porto Novo.

31: A ship arriv'd in this road from Surat belonging to Mr Mohun.

At a Consultation.

Present:

June. Thorsdaypmo. Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr John Bridger. Mr Timo Wilkes.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr John Nicks.

A Genll to Madaplm read & passed.

A Genll to Metchpm Genll read & passed.

There coming some Merchts to enquire for broadcloth & there being but little at ye Fort, ye Agent & Councell order'd

the Cheife and Councell at Metchp^m to furnish them with 50 : p^s at ye rate of pag^os 21 : p̄ p^s they going thither, in regard it lyes & spoiles in ye Godowns at Metchp^m.

Mr Richrd Milton being chosen to goe to Codalour as one of ye Councell there, M^r. Robt Bowyer was order'd to take ye charge of ye Stewards imployment upon him & Mr Nathl Gyfford order'd to attend ye waterside in ye room of Mr Bowyer.

Order'd that what wine, beer &c^a has been spent since ye Comp^as was gone be paid for & brought into last April's acco^t to include it in ye last years books the p̄ticulars are as follows,

Canary white wine and claret 5 : chests q^t gal^s. 165 : at pag^o 1½ p̄ gallon is p^os	247 : 18 : - :	
Ditto damaged 54 : quart bottles at 1 pag^o p̄ gallon	13 : 18 : - :	
		261 : - : - :
[25] Serash wine and Rose-water 4 chests ...		42 : - : - :
Beer 6 butts—18		109 : - : - :
Pag^os ...		412 : - : - :

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^o BRIDGER.
TIM^o WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.

JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

Mr Mohun in ye fflyinghorse sailed out of this road with ye 2 : other ships that came with him from Surat.

A Gen^ll rec^d from Metchp^m. 3 :

A Portuguez ship came to an anchor in this road from Porto Novo. 4 :

At a Consultation.

Present :

W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r. Munday 5th :
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r TIM^o WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

A Gen^ll to Madap^lm read & passed.

A Gen^ll to Metchp^m read & passed.

Mr Ralph Ord & Mr Clement King brought up before ye Agent & Councell an acco^t of w^t their customes amounted to, & it being under ye summe of pag^os 600:, according to ye tenour of ye bond & ye articles therof ye Agent &c^a agreed to pay unto them pag^os 50: they being first sworn to ye truth of their acco^ts.

Thos Burret having most impiously in his cups drank a health to ye Divell, the Agent & Councell have thought fit (in regard his crime is soe notorious & of soe black a die) to order him to run the [26] Gantlope & to remain in prison til an opportunity of ships presents to send him away from hence to be an example & to deter others from committing crimes soe hellishly wicked.

Orde'd, that ye Warehousekeeper doe deliver 6: bags Ryalls $\frac{8}{8}$ to . . . . at ye rate of 15: $\frac{15}{16}$ Ry^ls for pag^os 10: payable in 2: months.

Some Conimero Merch^ts being in town were sent for with their Musters in order to a contract with them for ye insuing year, their Musters were measured & consider'd of & they discourst about them as likewise some other Musters Mr Yale brought with him from Codalour & Porto Novo when he was in those parts for both wch they proffer'd as follows:—

for Longcloth brown English 72: Coveds long & $2\frac{1}{4}$ broad
No 1: at pag^os $25\frac{1}{2}$ p̄ [27] Corge

for Salampores brown 32: Coveds long & $2\frac{1}{8}$ broad
No 2: at pag^os $11\frac{1}{2}$ p̄ Corge

for Longcloth brown Dutch 74: Coveds long & $2\frac{1}{4}$ broad
No A 1: at pag^os 27: }
2: at ,, 26: } p̄ Corge
3: at ,, 25: }

the 4: sort they refuse to treat about

for Salampores brown 32: Coveds long & $2\frac{1}{2}$ broad
No B 1: at pag^os 12: }
2: at ,, $11\frac{1}{2}$: } p̄ Corge
3: at ,, 11: }

for Bettelas fine 40: Coveds long & $2\frac{1}{4}$ broad
No D 1: at pag^os 32: }
2: at ,, 30: } p̄ Corge
3: at ,, 28: }

for Bettelas 24: Coveds long & $2\frac{1}{8}$ broad
No D at pag^os 31: p̄ Corge

for Bettelas 32: Coveds long & $2\frac{1}{2}$ broad

Nº D 1: at pag^os 12:			ꝑ Corge.
2:	„	11½:	
3:	„	11:	

They were told the above said prices were very high & that they might afford their cloth cheaper, but for the present they could be brought to noe other terms & soe were dismist with an order to consider better with themselves & to come again on next Thorsday & give their answer.

John Cook waiter at the Seaside being convicted of neglect & knavery in passing sev^ll goods to ye Honble Comp^as damage in the losse of their Customes, upon wch acco^t he being a ꝑson not fit for soe great a trust, 'twas resolved that he be dismist his imployment & another of more integrity be put into his place, Mr Dubboi[s] as the most fit for it was put in at ye Salary of p^os 5: ꝑ mensem.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
J^NO BRIDGER.
TIM^O WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^ry.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Thorsday 8:

W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r TIM^O WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

The whole Councell being duly summoned.

The Conimero Merch^ts being sent for the Agent &c^a had some farther discourses with them about their Musters & used sev^ll arguments with them to bring them to some abatement, but notwithstanding all that could be said, they stil insisted upon their former prices upon the Dutch cloth, & would by noo means hear of abating anything, they were proffer'd.

for Longcloth	Nº A 1: pag^os	26:		ꝑ Corge
	2: „	24:		
	3: „	23½:		
for Salampore	Nº B 1: pag^os	10½:		ꝑ Corge]
	2: „	10:		
	3: „	9½:		

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upon wch their refusalls & standing off, the Agent &c^a^ made a proposition to them of abateing 14: p̄ cent upon y^e^ English Musters, to wch they gave for answer they would come another time & make some agreement.

Mr Tim^o^ Wilkes Warehousekeeper reported the weight of 6: bags Eyalls $\frac{8}{8}$ sold y^e^ 5th instant poiz oz: 2625: 10: wch is oz: 1: 15: more than what Invoiced p̄ ship Golden Fleece.

William Gyfford.
Jno Bridger.
Tim^o^ Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Willcox Sec^try^. John Nicks.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Munday 12: Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Govern^r^.
Mr John Bridger. Mr Tim^o^ Wilkes.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr John Nicks.

The Conimero Merch^ts^ after the Agent &c^a^ had had severall discourses & much arguing with them first made an agreement to bring in by ye 12th of Dec^br^ next to ye value of pag^os^ 15000: in all the sortes of cloth at 14 p̄ Cent abatement of what the Comp^a^ Pay here for their goods, but they examining the businesse a little farther said ye 14: p̄ Cent abatement was upon ye old prices before Mr Master took off ye 6: p̄ Cent & that they could not afford to bring in cloth at those prices, the Agent &c^a^ seeing how baffling their intentions were & that nothing more could possibly be done with them, they standing soe possitively to their resolutions wch the Agent &c^a^ found were nothing amounting to any reasonable abatement, & they desiring leave to be gone they had leave accordingly and were soe dismist.

William Gyfford.
Jno Bridger.
Tim^o^ Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.

John Willcox Sec^try^.

one of ye Governrs state horses dyed. 13:
a ship belonging to Mr Jearsey arriv'd in this road.
a Genll recd from Bengall with their Dyarys, Consultacons, Invoices & [ca]
The Councell met but noe businesse presented. Thorsday 15:
a lre recd from Gopall Pundit from Port Novo. 18:

At a Consultation.

Present:

WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr TIMO WILKES.
Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JNO NICKS.

The whole Councell being duly summon'd.

A horse from ye Agent's saddle presenting 'twas thought convenient to buy him the lowest price being pagos 60:

There offering here a parcell of [28]Mogo silk & having an accot from Bengall that that sort will turn to accot & fearing that they will not be able there to compleat the Compas this years great investment in silk ye Agent &ca have thought convenient to buy it, it being to be bought at prime cost, free of all charges from Bengall noe freight or Commission to be paid for it, as likewise some other sorts being to be had here, 'twas thought convenient to take them, they being to be sold at prime cost.

Tho: Mr Robt Freeman has been here for some time in a readinesse for his Journey to Codalour yet the ships being every day expected & some orders it may be coming from England concerning the settlement of that place, 'tis thought convenient that he stay here til the ships arrive.

A lrē: to Gopall Pundit Subidar of Porto Novo.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNO BRIDGER.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Secotry.

2: ships belonging to some Portuguez inhabitants of this place set saile for Monila, but about 6: a clock a gust of wind coming off ye shoare, brought ye main topmast of one of them by

ye board soe shee was fain to come to an anchor in the roade, again to repair her Mast, the other went off clear.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Thorsday 22 : W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r TIM^O WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
M^r JN^O NICKS.

The Journall of ye Gen^ll books of acco^ts for the month of April read & passed.

Mr Tim^o Wilkes Warehousekeeper his books of acco^ts for ye month of May read & passed.

Mr John Bigrig Customer his books of acco^ts for customes recd for ye month of May read & passed, Vizt.

Sea & Land custome	Pag^os	284 :	18 :	– :
Weighers duty	„	4 :	10 :	5 :
Register of Slaves, houses &c^a. ...	„	9 :	2 :	2 :
Courtin Godown rents	„	4 :	– :	– :
	Pag^os ...	301 ;	31 :	1 :

Mr Elihu Yale Mintmaster his books of acco^ts for money coyned in the Mint for ye month of May read & passed, Viz^t :

ꝑticular persõns Gold	pag^os	16307 :	– :	– :
at ½ p̄ Cent ...	p^os	81 :	20 :	– :

Mr Jno Nicks Paymaster his books of expences for ye month of May read & passed Viz^t :

Charges Garrison	pag^os	533 :	20 :	3 :
D^o Gen^ll	„	233 :	15 :	5 :
D^o Dyet	„	114 :	35 :	2 :
D^o Cattle	„	20 :	10 :	3 :
D^o Merchandize	„	54 :	19 :	3 :
Acco^t ffortifications repairs &c^a ...	„	297 :	18 :	4 :
	Pag^os ...	1254 :	12 :	2 ;

The acco^t of Cash for ye month of May read & passed Viz^t :

Cash remaining in Chest	pag^os	3938 :	13 :	1 :

A Gen^{ll} to Bengall read & passed of this date.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
J^{NO} BRIDGER.
TIM^{O} WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^{try}.

A Gen^{ll} rec^{d} from Madap^{lm} with their Dyarys, Consultations & acco^{t} Cash.

The ship that lost her mast the other day having fitted herself with a new one set saile & proceeded on her voyage.

The Councell met but noe businesse presented. Munday 26:

The Anapourna saild out of this road. 28:

At a Consultation.

Present:

W^{M} GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^{r}. Thorsday 29th.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^{r} TIM^{O} WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr J^{NO} NICKS.

M^{r} [29] James Wheeler coming to ye Fort without leave from ye Agent &c^{a} & it being contrary to [30] ye orders made by Mr Master in Madap^{lm} Factory anno 1679: 'twas thought fit [in]as much [as] he was very penitent & s[orry] for his contempt of said orders & did promise never to be guilty of ye same offence again, only to give him a severe check & reprehension, but was order'd withall to be read against the arrivall of ye first ship, to goe down upon [it] but this not to be an example or encouragement to others to break orders again, however 'twas debated a considerable time whither the strictnesse & severity of s^{d} orders should be put in execution as to him, but upon his aforsaid submission he had the favour of having only a sharp reproofe.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIM^{O} WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^{try}.

At a Consultation.

Present :

July Munday 3rd.

W^M^ GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r^.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r^ TIM^o^ WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

Order'd that y^e^ warehousekeeper doe deliver 6 bags Ryalls at y^e^ rate of 15 $\frac{15}{16}$ for 10: pag^os^ to Chellapa Chitte, Mirale Vengana &^ca.^ [to] make present payment.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^o^ BRIDGER.
TIM^o^ WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
[JOHN NICKS.]

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try^.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Thorsday 6th:

W^M^ GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r^.
Mr JOHN BRIDGER. M^r^ TIM^o^ WILKES.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS.

The farm of Licences for retailing liquors being put to publick outcry & noe body bidding for it, 'twas thought fit to take it into y^e^ Comp^as^ hands.

Mr Tim^o^ Wilkes Warehousekeeper reported the weight of 6 : Chests Ryalls $\frac{8}{8}$ sold the 3^d^ instant poiz altogether oz : 2625 : wch is oz : 1 : 5 : more than what Invoiced p̄ ship Golden Fleece.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JN^o^ BRIDGER.
TIM^o^ WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try^.

Munday 10 : The Councell met but noe businesse presented.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr. Tuesday 11.
Mr John Bridger. Mr Timo Wilkes.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr John Nicks.

The Sea having for about 10: dayes past incroacht upon this [towne] and wee hop[ing] as [it is usu]all that it would retreat again of itself forbore any remedys to keep it off, but now finding instead of its loosing it mightily gains ground upon us & that without a speedy course be taken, the town will run an apparent hazard of being swallowed up, for it has undermined even to ye very walls, & soe deep that it has eaten away below the very foundation of the town & the great Bulwart next to ye Sea-side without a speedy & timely prevention will certainly in a day or two more yeild to its violence its therfore order'd forthwith that the drum be beat to call all Cooleys, Carpenters, Smiths, Peons, & all other workmen, & that sufficient materialls be provided that they may work day & night, to endeavour to put a stop to its fury: for without effectuall mea[ns] be used in such an eminent danger & exigency, the town Garrison, & our own lives considering all the foregoing circumstances must needs be very hazardous & unsecure.

William Gyfford.
Jno Bridger.
Timo Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.

John Willcox Secty.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr. Thorsday 13:
Mr John Bridger. Mr Timo Wilkes.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr John Nicks.

T[homas Van] Luh[orne a] D[utc]hman I[nha]bi[tant] of this town having given in a Petition to ye Governr & Councell

wherin he does appeal from a Sentence given by Mr Elihu Yale a member of ye Councell and one of the Justices of the town, the Governr &ca having perused the Petition & duly weighed & examined the matter, have found the said sentence to be most just & right, & him to be a man of a most litigious & mutinous humour evermore fomenting differences & creating quarrells & one not fitting to live in any civil government, most disrespectfull & a p̄son alwaies despising authority, having affronted the Governr himself formerly to his very face & stil persisting in his contumacy & rebellious carriage, have thought convenient to fine him in a penalty of pagos 20 : & that he have noe more the liberty of wearing his sword in this garrison & that for the future if his behaviour, be not more peaceable & respectfull to ye Government, he shall be turned out of the town.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JNO BRIDGER.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.

JOHN WILLCOX Secry.

Most Illustrious Governr &ca noble Gentlemen of ye Councell.

Thomas Van Luhorne a generall Attourne[y] to Verama widdow of Cassa Verona, an inhabitant of [ye] Fort of 81 Madraspatam finds himself very much aggri [. . .] ted & it is soe by the Sentence of ye Justice of ye Chawt[rey] Mr Yale in condemning Tomana a Jentue Dubash an inhabitant of Metchpm for ye following reasons. Imprimis by giving sentence in the said case without hearing ye Party, & in the 21 place for using in the Execution therof Notable excesse in his wealth as well as in the p̄son of his Client out of his own authority against ye Royall lawes of our Royall Majesty of great Britain, and the Honble Compas who doth not permit any to use the like rigours in civil cases as the said Justice hath used herin; for wch causes & for many other Judicialls that at its time and place shall be said; he the author doth appeal against the said sentence and execution therof to your Worp's Court, submitting himself to ye said lawes as he hath alwaies done, requiring also on the behalf of the King of England to order this Petition of Appellation to be written in the book of Consultation, seeing the copie therof remains in the custody of him the author who appeales.

The Pink Saphire arriv'd in this road from Bantam. 14:

A Genll recd from ye Councell of Bantam, from Battavia.

A lrē : to Podela Lingapa sent to the Councell to be approv'd of, and one to Bramine Veragaviah.

A lrē : recd from Racha Vildo from Podela Lingapa.

A lrē : to our Egyb Bramine Veragaviah. 15:

A lrē : recd from Chendra Shecariah & another from Madana from Codalour.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr Monday 17:
Mr Timo Wilkes. Mr John Bigrig.
Mr Elihu Yale. Mr John Nicks.
Mr Jno Littleton.

The Ship Resolution arriving in this roade Mr. [32] John Littleton & [33] Mr Slaughter Lee came ashoare & brought a lrē : from ye Captain intimating that 'twas the Compas order that 2 : of ye Councell should repair on board ship, in complyance therto Mr Timo Wilkes & Mr John Bigrig went, & a small time after returning again brought with them ye Honble Compas pacquet & other lrēs : sealed up in a bag wch were immediatly opened & the Honble Compas lrē : to [ye] Fort perused & finding in ye 2d Paragraph ye Compas positive order concerning Mr Bridger, he was acquainted with it & the charge against him, to ye first he quietly submitted, to ye last he confessed that he did send Diamonds & pearles to England, but protested 'twas not for ye Lucre of saving ye 2 : p̄ Cent. but for some other materiall reasons but as to ye businesse of [34] Interloping Alley he avowed he was wholly innocent, the Agent &ca notwithstanding [im]mediatly order'd Mr John Nicks & Mr John Littleton members of ye Councell, John Willcox Sectry Mr [35] John Stables & Mr Henry Alford Factors & the Capt of ye guard to goe fortwith to Mr Bridger's house & to seale up his papers & other effects wch they should find there wch they immediatly did put in execution, having put the Honble Compas seale upon his counting house [&] Chests wer [in man]y papers, accots or other valuable effect [s] were found wch [having exami]n'd they all

returned [to y^e] Fort and gave ye Agent & Councell an acco^t of what they had done.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^O WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

A Gen^ll rec^d from Madapollam with their Dyarys, Consultations and stewards acco^t for the months of May & June.

At a Consultation Ex^try.

Present:

Tuesday 18:

W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r.
M^r TIM^O WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Mr John Bridger being discharged from the Honble Comp^as service, & Mr Tim^o Wilkes being 3rd he was desired to take the place of 2^d upon him as being his due, & soe gradually & successively the rest of the Councell took their places but 'twas withall order'd that each person carry on the bu[sine]sse of their former imployment for [this] month [. . a] nd in August to commence upon their new charge Viz^t:

Mr Tim^o Wilkes to be Accountant.
Mr John Bigrig Warehousekeeper.
Mr Elihu Yale Customer.
Mr John Nicks Mintmaster.
Mr John Littleton Purser.

The Councell then proceded to the farther perusall of the Honble Comp^as lrē: & all other papers in the pacquet.

Order'd that Mr Tim^o Wilkes Warehousekeeper doe land the Honble Comp^as goods & 8: Chests Gold, & 8: Chests Silver out of ship Resolution.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^O WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

At a Consultation.

Present:

W^M^ GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r^. Thorsday 20:

M^r^ TIM^O^ WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.

Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.

Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The [Ag]ent &c^a^ having sent for Pedda Vencat[adry] &c^a^ Merch[ants^e^re]ad to them that the Comp^as^ orders [were ?] to establish them a Comp^a^ of 100: shares, to wch all seem'd very well content, but after this constitution the Councell proceeded to discourse with them about an abatement upon the goods, they made answer that the last year, on acco^t^ of ye Govern^rs^ new coming upon the place they did desist from petitioning to have some of ye abatements taken off, but affirmed they came off loosers by last years abatement, they being forced to bring their goods overland with great charges of Coley hire, Juncaneir dutys & other accidentall charges & losses, but they humbly desir'd the Agent &c^a^ that they would not impose any more abatements upon them, they having brought it as low as possibly they could afford it for, but they did promise that their cloth should bee all very good exactly held up to ye Musters, that they would bring it overland & that they would take off Europe goods, the Agent &c^ca^ upon these their promises did agree with them that they should bring in the Investment at the same rates as last year.

Mr Tim^o^ Wilkes & Mr Elihu Yale made report of 4: Chests Gold N^o^ E: I: F: H: weighed off to ye shroffs of ye mint the 19th instant Viz^t^:

Chest N^o^ E poiz oz: 2369: 19: 12: wch is oz: 1: 18: 22: more than what Invoiced p̄ ship Resolution.

Chest N^o^ I: poiz oz: 3234: 5:— wch is oz: 1: 18:—more than what Invoiced p̄ ship Resolution.

Chest N^o^ F: poiz [oz:] 1719: 6: wch is oz: 1: 3: 5: more [than what Invoic]ed p̄ ship Resolution.

Chest N[^o^ H: poiz: . . . .] wch is oz: 1: 2: 23: more [than what I]nvoiced p̄ ship Resolution.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^O^ WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
[JOH]N NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try^.

At a Consultation Extry.

Present:

Fryday 21:

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr Timo Wilkes. Mr John Bigrig.
Mr Elihu Yale. Mr John Nicks.
Mr Jno Littleton.

Mr John Davis having not managed his trust of Cheife of Madaplm as he ought, nor taken any notice of the sevll orders & Cautions he has recd from hence 'tis resolved that he be discharged that imployment.

The Agent &ca took into consideration the settlement of ye Factorys, & have settled ym according to this following List Vizt;

Metchpm [Factory]
Mr [36] Vincen[t Sayo]n
Mr George [Ram]sden
Mr James [W]heeler.
Mr [Timothy H]arris
[Zouch] Throughton writer.

Madaplm Factory.
Mr John Feild
Mr John Davis.
Mr Richrd Brereton.
[37] Mr Robt Hedges.
Jno Tillotson writer.

[Codalour] Factory.
Mr Rob[ert Freeman]
Mr Ric [hard Brown]
Mr Ric [hard Milton]
Fra[ncis Bett wr]iter

[38] Pettipolee Factory.
Mr [39] Saml Wales.
Mr Slaughter Lee.
Mr [40] John Goddard.

But leas[t . . . .]to this settlement any prejudise should a [. . . . .] ꝑsons in their seniority in degree [. . . .] seconds of a Factory & others that are th [. . . . .] but thirds, 'tis resolv'd to give cont[ent] to all, & th [at no]ne may receive any damage by th[is] settlement to [a]cquaint them that this shall be noe let[or] hinderance to them for ye future, but that prefermen[t] shall fall to them according to their precedency [as] they stand inlisted in the Honble Compas lrēs: when they came out of England.

The Merchts being sent for ye Agent &ca proceded upon the businesse of ye Investment with y[m] & they have contracted to provide this year according to this following list Vizt :

Longcloth Ordry Vizt :

White	ps	35000:	
Brown No. 6: 7: at pas 26½ & 27½ ...	,,	20000:	
Blue	,,	10000:	
Fine	ps	8000;	ps 73000:

Salamp[rs] white ord[ry]	60000:
Do fine	15000:
P[er]collas	12000:
Moores No 4:	2000:
Do. fine from No. 7: to No. 12	10000:
B[ettelas] q[t] yards 25:	10000:
Do[· · q[t]] 40 coveds	10000:
Neckcloth [s] 16 in a p[s] q[t] yards 25:	4000:
Neckcloths q[t] yards 20: 1: coved broad 16 in a p[s]	4000:
Do 12 in a p[s.] q[t] yards 25: 1: cov[d] broad	2000:
Do redstriped	120000:

& tho: they were told this investment would fall much short of what y[e] Comp[a] required, yet noe reasons nor aguments could prevail with them to increase it.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIMo WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN WILLCOX Sec[try]. JOHN LITTLETON.

The Prospect came to an anchor in this road from Persia. 21:

At a Consultation.

Present:

Monday 24:

W[m] GYFFORD Esq[r] Agent & Govern[r].
M[r] TIMo WILKES. M[r] JOHN BIGRIG.
M[r] ELIHU YALE. M[r] JOHN NICKS.
M[r] JOHN LITTLETON.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper doe get in a readinesse those goods that are to be provided here for Metchp[m] Madap[lm] & Pettipolee & that he forthwith lade those goods that are orderd for Codalour, and upon return of the Resolution from thence then to lade the goods for the other [fore] mentioned places.

The Journall of y[e] Gen[ll] books of acco[ts] for the month of May read & passed.

M[r] Timo Wilkes Warehousekeeper his books of acco[ts] for the month of June read & Passed.

Mr John Bigrig Customer his books of accots for Customes recd for ye month of June read & passed Vizt:

Sea and land Custome ... ... pagos	1396 : 24 : - :
Weighers duty	2 : 29 : 2 :
Register of Slaves, houses &ca	9 : 29 : 2 :
ffarm of Petty land customs recd of Mr Ord & Mr King.	150 : - : - :
ffarm of Measurers Duty received of Ditto.	30 : - : - :
ffarm of Banksall Toll	15 : - : - :
Amount of this mo ...	1604 : 10 : - 4 :

Mr Elihu Yale Mintmaster his books of accots for moneys coyned in the Mint for ye month of June read & passed Vizt:

p̄ticular p̄sons Gold pagos at ½ p̄ Cent ... ... pagos

Mr John Nicks Paymaster his books of Expences for the month of June read & passed Vizt

Charges Garrison ... ... pagos ...	528 : 6 : 4 :
Do Genll	264 : 6 : 5 :
Do Dyet	119 : 9 : 1 :
Do Cattle	22 : 24 : 6 :
Do Merchandize	56 : 9 : 3 :
Do Fortifications repairs &ca	264 : 13 : 6 :
Pagos...	1236 : 35 : 1 :

The accot of Cash for the month of June read & passed Vizt:

Cash remaining in Chest pagos ... 46925 : 28 : - :

There being a parcell of pepper to be dispos'd of here the Agent &ca duly considering the want of pepper that the Compa are like to have Bantam being taken by ye Dutch have resolved to buy it up for the Compas accot it being sold at a very reasonable & moderate price & pagos 2 : in a Candy cheaper than formerly.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sectry.

A Genll recd from Metchpm.

At a Consultation Extry.

Present:

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr. — Wednesday 26:

Mr Timo Wilkes. Mr John Bigrig.

Mr Elihu Yale. Mr John Nicks.

Mr John Littleton.

A. Genll to Metchpm read & passed.

A. Genll to Codalour read & passed.

A. Genll to Pettipolee read & passed.

William Gyfford.
Timo Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.
John Littleton.

John Willcox Sectry.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr. — Thorsday 27:

Mr Timo Wilkes. Mr John Bigrig.

Mr Elihu Yale. Mr John Nicks.

Mr John Littleton.

Notwithstanding the late order for the continuing the goods for Metchpm & Madaplm &ca on the Resolution til her return from Codalour, 'tis now order'd that the said goods be traversed aboard ye Williamson for those Factorys.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper doe lade on ye Resolution for Codalour Factory these following goods & treasure besides the Goods formerly order'd Vizt

2: Chests Gold Conta each pagos 10000.
2: Chests of Silver.
10: Cask brimstone.
1: Chest Corall to be traversed from ye Williamson on board ye Resolution.

Order'd that ye Warehousekeeper doe buy two Chests Rose-water for Codalour Factory it being to be sold at pagos 10: p̄ Chest.

William Gyfford.
Timo Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.

John Willcox Sectry.

The Williamson came to an anchor in this road, about 12 a clock the Capt came ashoare & brought with him ye Honble Compas packett &ca papers directed to the Agent &ca.

Part of ye Battery next to ye seaside built by Sr Wm Langhorn fell down, the Sea having imbayed itself just upon the middle of the town notwithstanding the continuall labour & pains of Cooleys & other workmen to keep it out, & tho: all endeavours have been used both by driving down Piles & stakes & filling them up with straw & brushwood & stones, to fend off, & dam up the place for the preservation of the Battery, yet nothing could avail against its violence, but 'tis feared (it deepening soe much) 'twil grow soe impetuous that 'twill almost master all our endeavour & contrivances.

The Nathaniel came to an anchor in this road.

30: A Genll recd from Bengall.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Munday 31: Wm GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr TIMo WILKES, Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The whole Councell being duly summoned.

Capt Sandland came ashoare & brought with him the Compas pacquett wch was open'd & perused.

Capt Francis Willshaw came to ye Governr & acquainted him that he had some wine aboard his ship belonging to Mr Wm Rivett deceased & desired an order to traverse it aboard ye Williamson shee going down to ye Bay where said Mr Rivett dyed his request was granted & this following order given him for Capt Warner.

To Capt Richard Warner.

No. 1: 2: 3: 4:

You are to receive on board your ship Williamson 4: Chests wine marked & numbred as p̄ margin.

There being a good prospect of dispatching the Resolution early from this place to England, 'tis resolv'd therfore that shee stay upon this coast & not proceed to Bengall.

Having had advices from ye Cheife &ca Councell of Bengall of their great want of vessells to lade their goods aboard their ships, here being one presenting in this roade very cheap & that will be

as fit for ye Compas service as any made at Madapollam & much cheaper it being sold at pagos 80 : 'tis resolved to buy her at that rate & send her down to them.

Order'd that ye Warehousekeeper doe land the treasure &ca from on board ye Nathl.

A Genll to ye Cheife & Councell of Codalour read & passed.

Captt Willshaws dispatch was this day read passed & deliver'd him.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sectry.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Tuesday pmo.

WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr TIMO WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The Compa having resolved to make some Investments this year at [41] Gingerly & given order to ye Agent &ca to send down some psons to further the same, as likewise to hinder & defeat any Interlopers that shall come there, 'tis resolved that Mr George Ramsden doe proceed for this year as Cheife there, & because the Honble Compa are in great want for servants & they having given liberty in their lrẽ : to us of ye 15th Feb. 1682: to entertain Clement Du Jardin to serve them in India as a Factor, if wee shall find him honest & fit for their imployment, wee therfore according to ye Honble Compas lrẽ : finding him to be a pson soe qualified, have entertain'd him as a Factor at ye Salary of lbs 20 : p annum he giving for his Security Sr Wm Langhorn, Mr Nathl Cholmley & Mr Clement Oxenbridge.

Order'd that Mr. [42] Henry Mose doe assist the Mintmaster in the charge of ye Mint, he being very fit for that imploy.

Orderd that ye Warehousekeeper Mr John Bigrig doe weigh off to ye Silver Merchts 10 : Chests Ryalls of $\frac{8}{8}$ at 15 $\frac{8}{16}$ Ryalls for pagos 10 : payable in 2 months.

There being a great want of horses in the Honble Comp^as^ stables and here being two Persia Ships that has brought some to this town, the Agent &c^a^ considering the former want, & that there has not been a good horse in the stable for many years have resolved to buy 2: tho: they had much to bring the sellers down to any reasonable price, but with much pressing & many arguments they were perswaded to dispose of them at the rate of pag^os^ 150: each, wch as Persia horses goe off here is reasonably cheap.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^o^ WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try^.

Capt Francis Willshaw sailed out of this road about 8: a clock this morning.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Thorsday 3d.

W^M^ GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r^.
M^r^ TIM^o^ WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper Mr John Bigrig, doe weigh off to y^e^ Silver Merch^ts^ 2: Chest. Ryalls $\frac{8}{8}$ at 15 $\frac{9}{16}$ Ryalls for pag^os^ 10: Payable in two months.

Order'd that y^e^ Purser doe take a muster of the men belonging to ships Williamson and Nathaniel.

Piendecondola Jaggapa & Erramchitte Jaggapa having given to y^e^ Agent &c^a^ a bond of pag^os^ 500: if they should be found guilty or any wayes concern'd in the information to ye Govern^r^ of Narsapour about ye Paddy boats & timbers, the Agent & Councell having very well examined ye business & having found them to be innocent, deliver'd them up their bond again.

There coming to this Port sev^ll^ Portuguez Gentlemen inhabitants of Goa, & there being some differences between the Moors of Bengall & them, they dare not proceed upon their own

vessell to ye Bay for fear of a seizure they having made it their requests to ye Agent &c^a to have their passage upon the Comp^as Vessell bought ye 31: July (their occasions calling them thither) the Agent &c^a have granted their request, they paying for their passage, but they were order'd not to carry any merchandize upon her wch they promised to comply with.

Addition to Metchp^m lrē: of July 26th read & passed.

D^o to Codalour lrē: read & passed.

D^o to Pettipolee lrē: read & passed.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^O WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

At a Consultation Ext^ry.

Present:

W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r. — Saturday 5:
M^r TIM^O WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Capt Warner's dispatch was this day read, passed & deliver'd him.

A Gen^ll to ye Agent &c^a in Bengall read & passed.

Mr Jno Littleton Purser made report of the Musters of ships Williamson & Nathaniel Viz^t:

Ship Williamson iii: men, 3 ran away one in the Downs, two at S^t. Jago.

Ship Nathaniel iii men, one ran away in the Downs two deceased.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^O WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

6th. The Williamson this morning saild out of this road.
A ship from Moco came to an anchor in this road.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Munday 7: W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r.
M^r TIM^o WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Wee having a great occasion for a Pilot to carry down the Honble Comp^as vessell Thomas to ye Bay, have thought convenient to entertain Mr Edward Sauland he being a fit and trusty pson for such an imployment in order wherunto this following order was deliver'd to Capt Sanland to spare him.

To Capt John Sanland.

The Comp^as occasions requiring an able Pilot to carry down their Vessell Thomas to Bengall, and wee understanding from yourself that Mr Edward Sanland is a pson able and trusty wee would therfore have you spare him to us for that imploy.

Order'd that the Purser Mr John Littleton doe pay unto Nicholas Moulin pag^os 4: he going as an assistant to ye Pilot wch is to be understood for his wages & dyet for his voyage to Bengall.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^o WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Thursday 10: W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r.
M^r TIM^o WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

There having been sev^ll differences between the Washermen formerly, the Govern^r to compose ye businesse sent for them &

made this settlement dividing them into two Parties, each to have two heads Viz^{t}:

For one Party ...	Grua Narso	and these to have 322: p̄sons under them.
For ye other Party	Coopa Mutella	& these to have 294: p̄sons under them.

and all these to be mustered every month & cloth to be deliver'd out to them according to ye number of p̄sons that make their appearance when the roll shall be called over.

The Agent &c^{a} having by consultation of ye 21th July in the settlement of the Factorys order'd Mr Robt Hedges to proceed to Madapollam to take the place & charge of Purser of that Factory, the Williamson since arriving & having brought the Comp^{as} orders for him to proceed to Bengall, the Agent &c^{a} in complyance to said order and finding that by this removall the place of 4th there will be vacant, have in his room order'd Mr Nathaniel Gyfford to proceed there & take the charge of that imployment.

Order'd that Mr John Littleton Purser doe pay two months wages advance to ye Seamen belonging to the Honble Comp^{as} ship Thomas now going down to ye Bay.

3: Gen^{lls} rec^{d} from Bengall of ye p^{mo} July one from ye Cheife and Councell, & of D^{o} date one from Mr Vincent and [43] Mr Littleton, and another of ye 4th July 1682.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^{O} WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^{try}.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Munday 14th:

W^{M} GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^{r}.
M^{r} TIM^{O} WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
M^{r} JN^{O} LITTLETON.

A Gen^{ll} to [44] Vizagapatam read & passed.

2: Gen^{lls} to Codalour read & passed.

A Gen^{ll} to Capt Willshaw read & passed.

Mr Edward Sanland's dispatch read & passed.

Mr John Nicks Mintmaster reported the weight of 4: Chests Gold weighed off to ye shroffs of the mint the 10th instant Vizt

Chest No M: poiz oz: 2589: 4: 6: wch is oz: 1: 11: 6: more than what Invoyced p̄ ship Nathaniel.

Chest No O: poiz oz: 3709: 19: 18; wch is oz: 2: 3: 18: more than what Invoiced p̄ ship Williamson.

Chest No C: poiz oz: 3175: 17: 12: wch is oz: 2: 4: 12: more than what Invoiced p̄ ship Resolution.

Chest No K: poiz oz: 2112: 3:—wch is oz:—19:—more than what invoyced p̄ ship Nathaniel.

Order'd that Mr John Bigrig Warehousekeeper doe buy one Chest rose-water for Vizagapatam Factory at the rate of pagos 9: p̄ Chest that being the Currant price now.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIMo WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sectry.

16: A Genll to Codalour was this day sent to ye Councell for their perusall wch being approved off, 'twas dispatch accordingly.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Thursday 17: WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent and Governr.
Mr TIMo WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Order'd that Mr John Littleton Purser doe pay unto Capt John Sanland pagos: 43: 15:—for stores recd of him for the use of ye Honble Compas Ship Thomas.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIMo WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sectry.

A. Gen[ll] rec[d] from Codalour, & a lrē: in answer therunto being sent to the Councell for their perusall, it being approv'd of it was sent forward. 18:

Ship Triblicane arriv'd in this road from Bantam. 19:

A Gen[ll] rec[d] from Metchp[m]. 20:

At a Consultation.

Present:

W[M] GYFFORD Esq[r] Agent and Govern[r]. Munday 21th.
M[r] TIM[O] WILKES. M[r] JOHN BIGRIG.
M[r] ELIHU YALE. M[r] JOHN NICKS.
M[r] JOHN LITTLETON.

M[r] Ralph Ord having made it his request to the Agent &c[a] to be dismist from his imployment of Schoolmaster, inasmuch as he saies he has a great family lives out of town, & teaching the Children is much prejudiciall to his health, they have thought convenient to grant his request, & have entertained M[r] John Barker in that imploy he being a man well qualified for it & at the Salary of p[os] 6: p̄ mensem.

Order'd that pag[os] 100000: be sent for Metchp[m] & Madap[lm] Factorys if soe much can be got in readinesse for the Nathaniel viz[t]: for Metchp[m] Factorys acco[t] pag[os] 50000: and p[os] 20000: to remain there til farther order and pag[os] 30000: for Madap[lm].

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM[O] WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN WILLCOX Sec[try]. JOHN LITTLETON.

A Gen[ll] to Metchp[m] read & passed, D[o] to Madap[lm]; D[o] to Bengall. 22:

Cap[t] John Sanland sailed out of this road his dispatch being this day deliver'd him. 22:

At a Consultation.

Present:

W[M] GYFFORD Esq[r] Agent & Govern[r]. Thorsday 24:
M[r] TIM[O] WILKES. M[r] JOHN BIGRIG.
M[r] ELIHU YALE. M[r] JOHN NICKS.
M[r] JOHN LITTLETON.

A Gen[ll] to Codalour read & passed.

The Journall of ye Gen^{ll} books of acco^{ts} for the month of June read & passed.

Mr Tim^{o} Wilkes late Warehousekeeper his books of acco^{ts} for ye month of July read & passed.

Mr John Bigrig Customer his books of acco^{ts} of Customes rec^{d} for the month of July read & passed Viz^{t}:

Sea and land Custome	p^{as}	607 : 20 : 1 :
Weighers duty	,,	20 : 11 : 1 :
Register of slaves &c^{a}	,,	5 : 25 : 2 :
Rent for the house near ye Sea Gate ...	,,	8 : 4 : 3 :
Courtin Godown rents	,,	11 : 25 : 1 :
Petty land Customes in ye month of June	,,	77 : 7 : 3 :
Ditoo in July	,,	89 : 7 : 4 :
	pag^{os} ...	819 : 29 : 3 :
The Honble Comp^{as} Merch^{ts} are to be made D^{rs} in the Gen^{ll} books for Customes as p̄ p̄ticulars in the Custome book to the amo^{t} of		28 : 25 : 3 :
	Pag^{os} ...	848 : 19 : - :

Mr Elihu Yale Mintmaster his books of acco^{ts} of p̄ticular mens Gold coyned for the month of July read & passed vizt:

Perticular p̄sons Gold coyned	p^{os}	1240 : - :
Custome at ½ p̄ Cent	pag^{os}	6 : 7 : - :

Mr John Nicks Purser his books of Expences for the month of July read & passed: Viz^{t}:

Charges Garrison pag^{os} ... ...
D^{o} Generall ... ...
D^{o} Dyet ... ...
D^{o} Cattle ... ...
D^{o} Merchandize ... ...
D^{o} Fortifications ... ...

The Acco^{t} of Cash for the month of July read & passed.

Cash remaining in Chest ... pag^{os} 2048 : 28 : 1 :

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^{o} WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^{try}.

A Gen^{ll} to Codalour was sent to ye Councell for their p̄usall wch being aprov'd of it was forwarded accordingly. 26 :

At a Consultation.

Present :

W^{M} GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^{r}. Munday 28th:
M^{r} TIM^{o} WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Order'd that ye Purser Mr John Littleton doe pay unto Mr Wm Dixon pag^{os} 77 : 7 :—for a Cable & a bundle of 45 Rattans for ye use of the Comp^{as} ship Thomas.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^{o} WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^{try}.

At a Consultation.

Present :

W^{M} GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^{r}. Thorsday 31 :
M^{r} TIM^{o} WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

A Gen^{ll} to Surat read & passed.

There offering another parcell of Pepper here in town 'twas thought convenient to buy it it being to be procured at a very reasonable rate Vizt at pag^{os} 19 : p̄ Candy.

There being a great want of Lead at ye Fort 'twas resolv'd & order'd that 20 : Candy be sent for to Codalour to supply our wants.

A parcell of 46 Brampour Chints being to be had in the town 'twas thought convenient to buy them they being to be sold at pagos 13¼ p̄. Corge.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Secry.

A Genll recd from Metchlepatam.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Sepbr. Munday 4th: Wm GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr TIMO WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper doe land the treasure &ca goods from on board the Lancaster and that shee be with all expedition dispatcht away from hence to Bengall.

Mr Bigrig having this day sent an order to the Capt to land the goods &ca recd answer that it could not be comply'd with til tomorrow.

Order'd that Mr John Littleton Purser doe goe on board the Lancaster & muster her men & make report therof to ye Agent & Councell.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Secry.

A Genll recd from Codalour.
Mr John Davis & his family came to town.

The Lancaster,[47] Capt Goodlad came to an anchor in this road & brought ashoare with him the Honble Compas Pacquetts &ca papers for the Fort.

At a Consultation Extrd.

Present:

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr. Tuesday 5th:
Mr Timo Wilkes. Mr John Bigrig.
Mr Elihu Yale. Mr John Nicks.
Mr John Littleton.

Addition to Surat lrē : of ye 31th Augst read & passed.

Order'd that Mr John Littleton Purser doe goe on board [the] ship Resolution & muster her men & make report th[er] of to ye Agent & Councell.

William Gyfford.
Timo Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.
John Littleton.

John Willcox Sectry.

A Genll recd from Madaplm.

A Genll recd from Codalour.

Capt Willshaw in the Resolution came to an anchor in th[is] roade, Mr Freeman, Mr Brown & Mr Milton came asho[are] & brought a protest from ye Capt, they coming directly from Codalour notwithstanding the repeated orders from ye Fort to call at Conimero.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr. Thorsday 7:
Mr Timo Wilkes. Mr John Bigrig.
Mr Elihu Yale. Mr John Nicks.
Mr John Littleton.

A Genll to Metchpm read & passed.

A Genll to Pettipolee read & passed.

A Gen[ll] to Madapollam read & passed, also a lrē : rec[d] from Policat w[ch] was this day answer'd.

Addition to Surat lrē : read & passed.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM[o] WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec[try].

At a Consultation.

Present:

Munday 11th:

W[M] GYFFORD Esq[r] Agent & Govern[r].
M[r] TIM[o] WILKES. M[r] JOHN BIGRIG.
M[r] ELIHU YALE. M[r] JOHN NICKS.
M[r] JOHN LITTLETON.

Order'd that the goods & treasure laden on board the Resolution for Codalour be landed here.

Order'd that pag[os] 70000 : being now in a readinesse be laden on board y[e] Lancaster for the following places, Vizt :

To Metchp[m]	... ...	pag[os] 40000 :
To Madap[lm]	... ...	„ 30000 :

Addition to Metchp[m] lrē : of y[e] 7th Sep[br] read & passed.

Addition to Madap[lm] lrē : of D[o] date read & passed.

Addition to Pettipolee lrē : of D[o] date read & passed.

M[r] John Littleton Purser made report of the Musters of y[e] ships Resolution & Lancaster Vizt :

Ship Resolution 125 : men, 4 : dead in the voyage.

Ship Lancaster 96 : men, 4 : dead in y[e] voyage.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM[o] WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec[try].

At a Consultation Extry.

Present :

Wm GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr. Wednesday 13:
Mr TIMo WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The Agent having notice of an [48] Interloper lying in [49] Titticorin Bay, immediatly sent for ye Councell to consult about it, the result of wch was to send 2 psons thither James Bett & Charles ffleetwood forthwith to see who it might be, with orders if it should prove an Interloper to impede & obstruct him in allwayes possible in order to wch there was a lrē: writ of this date to ye Cheife & Councell of the Dutch there, cautioning them not to be assisting to them and that it would be to their prejudice if they did, likewise order'd them to goe on board & read [50] his Maties proclamation to them, & to entice his men away if he should prove refractory & soe disable him by that means, upon wch accot 'twas order'd that pagos 500 : be sent with them, to be distributed amongst those that should comply, with farther promises of greater preferment if they would come to ye Fort and serve there.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIMo WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sectry.

13: This day Capt Goodlad in the Lancaster saild out of this roade.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Wm GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr. Thursday 14th:
Mr TIMo WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The Resolution being order'd to ride out ye Moonsoon upon this Coast & Capt Wills[ha]w complaining that he shall not be able to ride out ye storm without sufficient [51] Quintelage, nor get to Metchpm when the bad weather is over without it 'tis therfore order'd that the warehousekeeper doe lade on board him 100 :

Tonns Saltpetre & what [52] Calliature wood can be got to stiffen his ship & inable him the better to ride out the storm.

John Willcox having made it his request to the Govern^{r} &c^{a} to have a small allowance towards the rent of his house, he having a small Child to look after & there being noe room in the Fort, all the accommodations there being taken up, they have thought fit to allow him p^{os} 2 p̄ mensem.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^{o} WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN WILLCOX Sec^{try}. JOHN LITTLETON.

14: This morning Mr James Bett & Mr Charles Fleetwood set forward on their Journey to Tutticarin.

17: A Gen^{ll} rec^{d} from Metchp^{m} which brought the newes of Mr Vincent Sayon's death ye Cheife of that Factory.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Munday 18: Wm GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^{r}.
M^{r} TIM^{o} WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The Agent &c^{a} upon the advice of Mr Vincent Sayon's death, affairs being very pressing & time short, immediatly proceeded upon the choice of another Cheife, & tho: the Comp^{as} affairs at Codalour, considering what posture they are in at present, require an able p̄son to compose, manage and settle them, yet the urgency of businesse at Metchp^{m} requiring a speedy settlement, 'twas resolved that Mr Rob: Freeman proceed as Cheife there he being very well acquainted with those parts.

There being great number of slaves yearly exported from this place, to ye great greivance of many p̄sons whose Children are very commonly privately stollen away from them, by those who are constant traders in this way, the Agent &c^{a} considering the Scandall that might accrue to ye Government, & the great losse that many parents may undergoe by such actions, have order'd that noe more Slaves be sent off the shoare again.

Mr John Davis being sent for up before the Agent &c^{a} was acquainted with his imployment of being 2^{d} of Madap^{lm}, &

order'd to prepare to be going down upon the Resolution, to wch h[e g]ave for answer that he was innocent of those crimes laid to his charge, & that he had not merited the being put by his imployment of being Cheife of Madap^{lm} the Agent &c^{a} gave him for answer, that they were not now to discourse him about pticulars, but that in Gen^{ll} they had sufficient grounds & reasons for what they did, and if he would have but a little patience, he should have a fair tryall, & soe advised him to submit for the present for should he remain obstinate & refuse their Commands he would ipso facto turn himself out of the Comp^{as} service, but ye Agent &c^{a} seeing him something irresolute gave him the liberty til next Thorsday to consider farther of it.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^{o} WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^{try}.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Thorsday 21:

W^{M} GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^{r}.
M^{r} TIM^{O} WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

A Gen^{ll} to Metch^{pm} read & passed.

A Genll to Madap^{lm} read & passed.

A Gen^{ll} to Vizagapatam read & passed.

Mr John Davis being sent for gave in his answer that he would not accept of the imployment of being 2^{d} at Madap^{lm}, & when the Agent &c^{a} told him that if that was his answer, he must loose the benefit of ye Comp^{as} service, he nowithstanding remain'd obstinate, upon w^{ch} 'twas order'd that from this day he should be discharged and receive noe farther benefit either of Salary or Dyett.

Mr John Nicks Mintmaster reported the weight of 2: Chests Gold weighed off to the Shroffs of ye Mint the 15th instant Vizt.

Dt

Chest N° T: poiz oz: 3111: 16:—wch is oz:—7:—: more than what Invoyced p̄ ship Lancaster.

Chest Nº V: poiz oz: 105: 4:—wch holds out according to Invoice ꝑ ship Lancaster.

The Calliature or Redwood Merchts having made a Contract with ye Agent &ca for Candy of red wood, declared that without they might have half the money before hand they could not comply with their contract wch upon their promise of giving security was granted them

Order'd that to ye value of pagos 100: & 30: yards scarlet be sent down to Pettipolee with Dubasse Vencatadry to be given to ye Merchts there to encourage them to comply with the abatment of 5 ꝑ cent.

William Gyfford.
Timº Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.
John Littleton.

John Willcox Sectry.

22: Capt Willshaw's dispatch was this day read, passed & deliver'd him.

23: a lrē: to ye Cheife Sobidar of Conimero, one to ye Subidar of Chengie, & another to ye Avaldar of Conimero, with Instructions to Tirumala Pontulo Bramine, were this day sent forward.

A Genll recd from Dacca, one from Metchpm & another from Madapollam.

William Gyfford.
Timº Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.
John Littleton.

John Willcox Sectry.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr Timº Wilkes. Mr John Bigrig.
Mr Elihu Yale. Mr John Nicks.
Mr John Littleton.

The ship Resolution being dispatcht & wee having then laden on board her all the treasure that was coyned, & Pettipolee wanting

more money, it is order'd that pag^{os} 25000 : be sent overland by the Dubasse & Peons it being feared t[hat] the ship may happen to arrive late, this money is sent to supply their present occasions.

Order'd, that if Bramine Accana comes down from Golcondah, as 'tis reported, then if he comes to Metchp^{m} that they present him with pag^{os} 300 :, if to Madap^{lm} with pag^{os} 200 :, & if to Pettipolee with pag^{os} 200.

Order'd that Dubasse Vencatadry have 3 yards Scarlet to encourage him when he comes to Pettipolee to bring the Merch^{ts} there to 5 : p̄ cent. abatement.

The Journall of ye Gen^{ll} books of acco^{ts} for the month of July read & passed.

Mr John Bigrig Warehousekeeper his books of acco^{ts} for the month of Augst read & passed.

Mr Elihu Yale Customer his books of acco^{ts} of Customes rec^{d} for ye month of Augst read & passed. Viz^{t}.

Sea and land Custome	Pag^{os}	110 : 19 : 3 :
Petty land Customes	,,	100 : 4 : 30 :
Paddy Banksall Custome ...	,,	4 : 23 : 16 :
Measures duty	,,	29 : 18 : 44 :
Weighers duty	,,	3 : 22 : 60 :
Register of houses, slaves &c^{a} ...	,,	4 : 34 : – :
Passengers with their Necessarys on Ship Thomas to Bengall	,,	89 : – : – :
	Pag^{os} ...	342 : 12 : 3 :

Mr John Nicks Mintmaster his books of acco^{ts} of p̄ticular mens Gold coyned in the Mint for the month of Augst read & passed Viz^{t} :

Perticular p̄son Gold conyned pag^{os} ...	24211 : 18 : – :
Custome at ½ p̄ Cent.	121 : 2 : – :

Mr John Littleton Purser his books of expences for the month of Augst read & passed Vizt :

	Pag^{os}
Charges Garrison	,,
Do. Generall	,,
Do. Dyett	,,
Do. Cattle	,,
Do. Merchandize	,,
Do. Fortifications &c. ...	,,

The Acco^t of Cash for the month of Aug^st read & passed. Cash remaining in Chest pag^os 5430 : 3 : 1 :

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^O WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^try.

25: This morning betimes the Resolution sailed out of this road, Mr Robt Freeman imbarked himself upon her but Capt Willshaw being very weak came ashoare where he now continues.

26: A Gen^ll to Metchp^m, one to Madap^lm & another to Pettipolee, were this day sent to ye Councell for their perusall, wch being approv'd of they were forwarded accordingly.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Thursday 28: W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r.
M^r TIM^O WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Mr Ralph Ord having given in a Petition to ye Agent &c^a to be readmitted into ye Comp^as service in their Mercantile affairs, 'twas taken into Consideration, and finding his request to be very reasonable & modest, they have granted his request & have admitted him to serve in the quality of a Factor, but as Probationall til the Honble Comp^a had pleased otherwise to order it, but first they had these considerations, that he as being Schoolmaster had a very large Salary, more than double of what he has now, & that they could find a person very fitting to keep School at easy wages in respect of what the Comp^a allow'd, soe that both their Salarys together will hardly amo^t to more than what Mr Ord had before, soe that the Honble Comp^a for the same pay has two servants when they had but one before, besides businesse in all places mightily increasing, & but few hands to goe through with it, & likewise the great want of able men to serve in our new setled Factorys, upon wch forgoing acco^ts the Agent &c^a have admitted him but as probationall as is before specified.

Mr John Nicks, Mr John Littleton, John Willcox, Mr Jno Stables, & Mr Henry Alford were sent to Mr Bridger's house, to bring away what papers, books, &ca should be found there, when they came to ye house they found the seals all whole as when first put on, all papers were promiscuously put into a bag together, least for fear any paper of concern might escape but noe books could be found, wch done they were all brought to ye Fort, & the Compa & Mr Nicks his seales put to ye bag, the reason why these papers were continued soe long at Mr Bridger's house, was because he had made a request to ye Agent &ca that they might remain in his house sealed up some small time he hoping as he said he might receive some better newes out of England by the following ships, but now the ships being all come & gone & his expectations disappointed, the Agent &ca as before sent for his papers &ca to ye Fort where they now remaine.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sectry.

To ye Rt Worpll WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govr &ca Councell in Fort St George.

The humble Petition of Ralph Ord.

Humbly sheweth,

That wheras your humble Petitioner having by the Honble Compas singular favour & kindnesse been admitted in England into their service as Schoolmaster of their town of Madraspatam, & having officiated in that imployment until by reason of the intervening of some necessary affairs, inconsistant with ye due care & constant attendance requisite for the keeping of the schoole, as likewise really judging that ye quality & number of the schoole bore noe valuable consideration to the great Charges the Honble Compa were at, wch might be supply'd for much lesse than the Honble Compa were pleased to allow him, he did of late humbly request your Worp: &ca to be dismist that imploy, wch you were pleased then obligingly to grant, he now makes it his humble Petition to your Worp &ca as being one that has already tasted of the bounty & kindnesse of those Honble Masters that you would be

pleased to admit him now into their service in their Mercantile affairs in what Capacity you shall think fit, he hoping he shall be much more serviceable to ye Honble Compa in an imployment of that nature than ever he could in the former, and that for soe much lesse charge to ye Honble Comps, he promising that by the sincerity of his actions, his diligent and faithfull services, & his wholly giving up himself to their interest to shew himself a ꝑson gratefull & acknowledging for soe great a kindnesse, assuring your Worp: &ca that not his own, but the Honble Compas advantage shall be ye rule he will walk by & that he will endeavour to prove himself a good & faithfull servt this he humbly refers to your Worpl &cas wise consideration hoping that you will please to grant this his humble request.

And your Petitioner shall ever pray.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Munday 2d: Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr Timo Wilkes. Mr John Bigrig.
Mr Elihu Yale. Mr John Nicks.
Mr John Littleton.

The time of ye Payment of Salarys being at hand and & Mr John Davis demanding as being in the imployment of Cheife of Madaplm the Salary of 40 lbs. ꝑ annum, the Agent &ca having examin'd the businesse find him to be but in ye degree of a Mercht at 30 lbs. ꝑ annum, but he objecting that his Predecessour Mr Feild as Cheife had that Salary of 40 lbs., tho: but as a Mercht & upon that accot deny'd the receiving his Salary at the rate of 30 lbs. & refer'd it to ye Compa in England.

The Honble Compa having order'd seizure to be made of all ye papers, books, effects &ca of Mr Jno Bridger, ye Agent &ca upon that accot have order'd that noe Salary be paid him but passed to his Credit in the Honble Compas books & soe left to them.

Mr Jno Nicks, Mintmaster made report of 4: Chests Gold weighed off to ye Shroffs of ye Mint ye 29th Septr Vizt.

Chest No. P: poiz oz: 2706: 11:—wch is oz: 1: 8:—more than what Invoiced ꝑ ship Lancaster.

Chest No Q: poiz oz: 2657: 6:—wch is oz: 1: 3: more than what Invoiced ꝑ ship Lancaster.

Chest N^{o} R : poiz oz : 3553 : 8 : 12 : wch is oz : 2 : 10 : 12 : more than what Invoyced p̄ ship Lancaster.

Chest N^{o} S : poiz oz : 3777 : 16 : 6 : wch is oz : 2 : 13 : 6 : more than what Invoiced p̄ ship Lancaster.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^{o} WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN WILLCOX Sec^{try}.

A lrē : rec^{d} from Adrampatnam from Mr Bett & Mr Fleetwood. 3d.

A Gen^{ll} rec^{d} from Madap^{lm} with their Dyarys. 4 :

The Councell met but noe businesse presented. Thorsday 5.

At a Consultation.

Present :

Munday 9th.

W^{M} GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^{r}.
M^{r} TIM^{o} WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The Agent &c^{a} having sent for the Merch^{ts} discourst them about takeing of ye Europe Manufactures &c^{a} goods in the Comp^{as} Godowns & a proposall was made to them of 6 : months time to bring in cloth or make payment for the same in money, to wch at first they seemed exceeding averse & had not ye Agent &c^{a} been mighty urgent with them, for four hours together both as to ye time & to ye prices, they would hardly have been brought to comply, but at last did give their consent & have agreed to bring in by the last day of April goods according to the Honble Comp^{as} musters this year.

The Sobidar of Conimero having given very friendly and advantagious proffers concerning our settlement in his Govern^{t} the Agent &c^{a} have taken them into consideration & considering the great disappointment rec^{d} at Codalour & the great charge the Honble Comp^{a} have been at towards the settlement of that Factory wch is all lost & proved ineffectuall, & the great tonnage the Honble Comp^{a} have requir'd this year w^{ch} 'tis feared we shall

hardly comply with 'tis therfore thought convenient to order the settlement of a Factory at Conimero & to send

John Willcox Cheife.
Mr Richd Milton Accomptant.
Mr Ralph Ord Warehousekeeper.

and in the place of Secretary officiated by John Willcox, 'tis thought convenient to settle Mr Henry Mose there, but as provisionall.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Munday ye 16th.

WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr TIMOTHY WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Resolved that orders and Instructions for Conimeer ffactory be in a readiness for the ffactors appointed for that place within two or three days & that Mr Richard Browne doe deliver an Accot of the Remaines of Codalour to the said ffactors of Conimeer.

Some Dutch Merchants proferring pepper to ye Quantitie of 50 Candy the price being 19½ Pagos p̄ Candy and one Pago Charges in all 20½ pagos It is agreed to take the sd pepper at that Price conditionally the sd Merchts run the Risque and all hazards to this Port & also for one Candy of Mace at 20 Pagos p̄ Maund.

Ordered that Mr Ord one of the ffactors for Conimeer have ye keeping of his owne Horse for the use of the honble Company and in case the said Horse should die in the said ffactory or in the Companys service it is agreed to allow him the said Mr Ord 80 pagos for him.

Wee having occasion to send Packing stuff & other conveniencies for the ffactors now going for Conimeer have ordered ye buying of a small Sloop now rideing in 53 St Thoma River for that purpose and to pay for it as hereafter wee can agree with ye

owners thereof who are now at Metchlepatam, The price wee partly understand to be about 120 Pago^s^ And in case wee doe not agree Wee are to allow freight for what she carrys but if by any accident shee should be lost the Company is to beare ye s^d^ loss.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^o^ WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

HENRY MOSE Sec^ry^.

Capt James Bett & Mr Charles ffleetwood returnd this day from the Southward and gave us an acco^t^ of w^t^ they had understood in their Journey concerning the Interloper ship wee sent them to enquire after in the Bay of Tutticoree telling us that the Dutch there did acquaint them that the said ship was gone for Bengall being consigned to the late Cheife or some other Englishman there and that they reported themselves to belong to the hon^ble^ Comp^a^ or else they would not have given them any assistance in the least however they say they had no dealings with them as to Merchandize and that for the future they shall take care not to have anything to doe with them Our People having delivered them the Kings Proclamation and the Agents Letter to forwarn them from so doeing. The Dutch likewise acquainted them that the said Interloper went by two names at several places vizt William Hall & James ffoster. Capt Bett and M^r^ ffleetwood also brought back with them and delivered to the Agent 470 Pago^s^ of the 500 they carryed with them for what occasion might offer in the buisness of the Interloper the remainder they are to give us an Acco^t^ of p̄ theire expences and to deliver us a Dyary of theire full Journey.

At a Consultation.

Present:

Thursday ye 19.

Wm GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^r^.
M^r^ TIM^o^ WILKES. M^r^ JN^o^ BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. M^r^ JN^o^ NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Having received a master of Salampores from the Cheife &ca Councell of Metchlepatam adviseing us that they can have about 20 Corge of the same at 12½ pagos ready whited which musters wee having compared with ours of 11½ pagos browne find them to fall short both in Lenghts breadths and goodness; But in considera-tion of the want of Cloth that is likely to be this Yeare Wee having a speciall reguard to the Honoble Compas Interest in supply-ing the shipps that they might not goe home dead freighted Resolved that they buy as much of the said Cloth and as cheap as possibly they can.

Likewise ordered that 5000 Pagos be delivered to the Cheife &ca Councell at Conimeer besides the 400 pagos already in theire hands being in all 5400 pagos and yt the Warehousekeeper doe provide the following things for that ffactory to be disposed of by them in presents as theys hall find occasion vizt

1 : Piece of Scarlet cloth
20 : Sword Blades
10 : Looking Glasses of severall sizes
1 : Maund of Spice of all sorts
4 or 5 Maund of Sandall wood

A parcell of Musters of ours and Conimeer.

It is also thought fit that a small gratuitie be made to Mr Bett and Mr ffleetwood for the diligence and care they have shewed in theire Journey to Tutticoree and the trouble and great frugalitie they have had therin and also encourage others for the future upon the like occasion to undertake it chearfully, zealously & faithfully to serve the honoble Company with their best endea-vours, and being also the honoble Companys order to encourage such It is therefore Resolved that 2½ yds of Scarlet Cloth and half a piece of 54 Norwich Stuffs be given to each of them.

Resolved that orders be given to the Cheife & Councell at Metchlepatam that they sell not theire Broad cloth under such rates and prices hereafter mentioned they adviseing us that at present they can get but 22 Pagos ꝑ peice which wee would not have them sell under 23 Pagos nor so cheap unless for some con-siderable parcell together But for small quantities 24 & 25 pagos ꝑ peice by reason wee have sold all ours and in a little time it is probable the price may be raised and wee having no extra-ordinary occasion for money think fitt to deferr the sale of the

said Cloth a little longer unless the aforesaid rates are complyed with.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM° WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

HENRY MOSE Secry.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Wm GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr TIM° WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Munday the 23.

Orders and Instructions for Conimeer ffactory this day was read & past in Councell.

The Conimeer ffactors by reason of the bad weather were detain'd here for some time longer and are ordered to depart from hence on wednesday next being the 25th Instant.

In reguard of Pedda Tombe Markcorn's civility to Mr Bett and Mr ffleetwood upon their Journy to Tutticoree in furnishing them with something to present the Debora ; It is ordered that a Gratuitie to the value of 30 pagos in Cloth be presented him.

The Accot of Cash for the month of September read & past.

Ballance resting in Cash Chest Pagoa 13060 : 2 fan.

The Journall of the Generall Books of Accots for the month of August this day read & past.

The Warehouskeeper Mr John Bigrig his day book of Accots for Goods received & delivered in the month of September read & past.

The Customer Mr Elihu Yale his bookes of Accots for the month of September read & past as follows viz :

The accot of sea and Land Customes amot to	Pagoa	500 : 30 : 22 :
Choultrey petty land customes recd this month	,,	102 : 17 : 80 :
Banksall Paddy Customes ...	,,	3 : 20 : 80 :
Measurers Duty	,,	22 : 17 : 03 :

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Weighers Duty	Pago[s]	4 : 06 : 31 :
Broakers Duty	„	2 : 26 : 65 :
Godown Rents for the last mo : and this	„	13 : – : – :
Register of Slaves and Houses ...	„	9 : 25 : 75 :
		659 : 03 : 51 :

The Mint Master M[r] John Nicks his Books of Acco[ts] of money Coyned in the mint the month of September read & passed as followeth viz :

The Hon[ble] Companys Gold coyned viz[t]

1 Chest N° T p̄ ship Lancaster produced nett	Pago[s]	29486 : 17 : 3 :
1 Chest N° P p̄ Ditto	„	25094 : 19 : 3 :
1 Chest N° R p̄ Ditto	„	31252 : 23 : 3 :
1 Chest N° S p̄ Ditto	„	34451 : 17 : – :
		120285 : 04 : 9 :
Particuler persons Gold coyn'd ...	Pag[s]	11758 : – : – :
Custome at ½ p̄ Cent	„	35 : 20 : – :

The Pay Master John Littleton his Book of expences for the month of September read and passed as followeth.

Charges Garrison	Pag[s]	564 : 12 : – :
Charges Generall	„	322 : 30 : 6 :
Charges Dyett	„	122 : 29 : 2 :
Charges Cattell	„	23 : 06 : 3 :
Charges Merchandize	„	66 : 27 : 2 :
Acco[tt] ffortifications Repaires &c[a]	„	336 : 19 : 1 :
		1435 : 17 : 2 :

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM[o] WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

HENRY MOSE Sec[ry].

Att a Consultation.

Present:

W^M^ GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governour.
Mr TIMOTHY WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Thursday the 26.

Ordered that the Warehouse Mr John Bigrig doe deliver Chests of Silver at $15\frac{9}{16}$ Doll for 10 Pago^s^ for 2 months time to Kittche Chittee.

This day a mutuall Discharge between the Hono^ble^ Company and the Merch^ts^ from the 21th July 1681 to the 18th of May 1682 was delivered the Contents are as followeth:

Know all men by these presents that wee the Agent & Governour and Councell in ffort St George doe acknowledg to have received from Pedda Vencatadry and Company by Goods brought in by them for acco^t^ of the Hono^ble^ Company to the full amount of what soever money or goods wee have delivered & sold unto them for acco^t^ of the said Company from the 24th of July 1681 to the 18th May 1682 And wee Peddavencatadry and Company doe acknowledge that all Acco^ts^ between us and the Hono^ble^ Company were ballanced to the same time. In Wittness whereof the Agent Governour and Councell on the one part and Peddavencatadry and Company on the other part have hereunto sett theire hands and seales this 26th day of October 1682. But note that the parcell of Goods sold the 3^d^ of September 1681 Amounting to Pagodas 29439: 18: 2 and the 25th April last amounting to Pago^s^ 12589: 19: 3 is not included in the abovesaid discharge but remaine still to be accompted for.

Pettucalla Balla Chitte	0	Mooda Verrina	0
Peria Tombi Chittee ...	0	Allingall	0
Casha Chittee	0	Sura Vangana	0
Ranga Chittee	0	Mutta Chittee	0
Uppanah	0	Iapa Chittee	0
Pedda Vencatadry ...	0		

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^O^ WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

HENRY MOSE Secr^y^.

Received a Generall from Pettipollee with theire Dyary and Consultations.

29. Att a Consultation.

Present:

Monday ye 30th

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governour.
Mr Timothy Wilkes. Mr John Bigrig.
Mr Elihu Yale. Mr John Nicks.
Mr John Littleton.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Metchlepatam this day read and past.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Madapollam this day read & past.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Vizagapatam this day read & past.

A Letter to the Agent and Councell in the Bay this day read & past.

William Gyfford.
Timo Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.
John Littleton.

Henry Mose Secry.

30 Received a Letter from Calla Yencatary Dubass at Pettipollee.

Reced a Genell from Madapollam with theire dyary Consultations acct Cash & acct expences for the month of September.

A Copy of Mr ffeilds Letter to the Governour of Nasapor and the Governour of Nassapor's Letters to Mr ffeild both this day received.

Vizagapatam Genell Dyary Consultations acct Cash and Pursers acct for the month of September also acct presents to the [55] Seir Lascarr this day received.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

Novembr 1682. Thursday ye 2

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governour
Mr Timothy Wilkes. Mr John Bigrig
Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr John Littleton.

The whole Councell being duely summoned

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Metchlepatam this day read & past.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Madapollam this day read & past.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Pettipollee this day read & past.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Vizagapatam this day read & past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM° WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

HENRY MOSE Secry.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

Monday the 6.

W^M GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governour.
Mr TIMOTHY WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The whole Councell being duely summoned

The Washermen desireing money beforehand in order to provide necessary materialls to expedite their washing the Cloth they haveing a great quantitie in their hands and although they have not cured clothes to above the value of Pago^s 933 : 28 : 3 yet considering their request and the necessitie of forwarding the Investment It is agreed to let them have soe much as they at present desire being 2000 Pago^s this being the first payment that has been made them.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM° WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

HENRY MOSE Secry.

Rec^d a Gen^ll from Madapollam without date. 7.

Rec^d a Letter from the Hono^ble Companys Merch^ts at Madapoll^m.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Thursday the 9.

WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governour.
Mr TIMOTHY WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The Mint Master Mr John Nicks reports the wet of three Chests of Gold vizt–

One Chest of Gold No D containing 3399 oz : 13 dwt : 21 grs came p ship Resolution and is more then Invoiced 2 oz : 13 dwt : 21 grs

One Chest of Gold No N containing 3139 oz : 12 dwt : 15 grs : came p ship Williamson and is more then Invoiced 2 oz : 13 dwt : 15 grs

One Chest of Gold No L containing 3723 oz : 00 dwt : 3 grs : came p ship Nathaniel & is more than Invoiced 2 oz : 6 dwt : 3 grs :

Ordered Mr Richard Browne to goe second for Metchlepatam and that Mr James Wheeler who is in that place soe soon as he has delivered up his Accotts there, he is then to goe Second for Madapollam.

Ordered the Braminy Kishnaguiry to be writ for to come to the ffort not thinking it of importance to answer his Letter.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

HENRY MOSE Secry.

Recd a Genll from the Cheife and Councell at Conimeer. Monday the 13.

Recd a Letter from Braminy Vira Ragavia at Golcondah.

Recd a Cowle given by the Aveldar of Tindevanam for ye Port of Conimeer.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

WM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governour.

Mr TIMOTHY WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.

Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.

Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The Merchants pressing earnestly for money to hasten the Investment (the Cloth already comeing in very fast) It is ordered that 25000 Pagos be paid them.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Metchlepatam this day read & past.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Madapollam this day read & past.

A Letter from the Governour to the Braminy at Maha Rajah's Court to call him home was read and dispatcht.

An Order in English Portuguez Gentue & Mallabarr for the preventing the transportation of this Countrey people by sea and makeing them slaves in other Countreys this day was read & past and ordered to be hung up in four publique places of this Towne the Contents are as followeth:

WHEREAS formerly there hath been an ill Custome in this Place of shipping off this Countrey People and makeing them slaves in other Strange Countreys Wee therefore the present Governour and Councell of ffort St. George have taken the same into our serious Consideration and doe hereby order that for the future no such thing be done by any person whatsoever Resident in this Place and wee doe hereby also strictly Command all our officers by the water side whether they be English Portuguez or Gentues to doe theire utmost endeavours to prevent the same or else suffer such punishment either in body or goods as wee shall think fitt to inflict upon them And if any person being an Inhabitant of this Towne of Madraspatam shall hereafter presume clandestinely to doe any thing contrary to this our Order by Shipping such slaves of this Countrey and it be proved against him he shall pay for every slave so shipt off or sent away fifty Pagos to be recovered of

him in the Choultrey of Madrasspatam one third for the Use of the Hono^ble^ East India Company one third to the Poor and one third to the Informer.

Dated in ffort St. George the 9th day of Novmb^r^ one thousand six hundred eighty two.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^o^ WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

HENRY MOSE Sec^ry^.

14. Received a Letter from the Cheife of Pettipollee &c^a^ Concerning Mr Slaughter Lee's Death.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Thursday the 16.

W^M^ GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governour.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The whole Councell being duely summoned

There being two Horses of the Hono^ble^ Company's wch are Lame old unfitt for service and not worth the charge of keeping them ; It was thought fitt to sell the same which accordinly was done to Timapah for 12 Pago^s^.

In reguard of the great Civility Peddi Tombe Markcorn shewed our People upon theire Journey to Tutticoree (the said Peddi Tombe's brother being now here) It is order'd that a Present to the value of 30 Pago^s^ be made him and sent by his brother to retaliate his kindness.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^o^ WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

HENRY MOSE Sec^ry^.

Recd a Letter from Nagogee Pontulo our Braminy at Harjah Rajah's Court.

Recd a Letter from Harjah Rajah.

Recd a Letter from the Cheife & Councell at Conimeer.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Munday the 20.

Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governour.
Mr Timothy Wilkes. Mr John Bigrig.
Mr Elihu Yale. Mr John Nicks.
Mr John Littleton.

The Accott of Cash for the month of October read and past.

			f	c
Ballance resting in Cash Chest ...	Pagos	35341 :	3 [	]

The Journall of the Genll books of Accotts for [the] month of September read & past.

The Warehousekeeper Mr John Bigrig his book [of] Accotts for Goods received and delivered in the month of October read & past.

The Customer Mr Elihu Yale his Books of Accotts for the month of October read & past as followeth

Sea & Land Customes Imported by Sea	Pagos	105 :	6 :	57 :
Choultrey petty land Customes this month	,,	87 :	31 :	89 :
Measurers Duty this month	,,	19 :	2 :	15 :
Weighers Duty this month	,,	3 :	34 :	97 :
Banksall Custome	,,	3 :	06 :	56 :
Register of slaves and houses ...	,,	2 :	26 :	25 :
Brokers half Dustore	,,	1 :	08 :	31 :
		222 :	34 :	70 :

The Mint Master Mr John Nicks his Book of Accotts for money coyned in the Mint the month of October read and past as followeth

			fa	c
Particuler Persons Gold Coyned	Pags	11288 :	18 :	– :
Custome at ½ p̃ Cent.	,,	56 :	16 :	– :

The Pay Master Mr John Littleton his Book of expences for the Month of October read and past as followeth—

			fa	c
Charges Garrison	Pags	570 :	10 :	– :
Charges Generall	,,	303 :	25 :	1 :

Charges Dyett	Pag^s 135 :	– :	–:
Charges Cattell	„ 23 :	17 :	2:
Charges Merchandize	„ 147 :	14 :	4:
Acco^tt ffortifications Repairs &c^a ...	„ 248 :	12 :	4:
	1428 :	07 :	5:

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^O WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.

JOHN NICKS.
HENRY MOSE Sec^ry. JOHN LITTLETON.

Madana the Cheife Minister of State under the King of Golcondah sent to us to procure some Gold Chaines to the value of 400 Pago^s (his son being about to be married) for which he promised to pay, But by reason of his Grandure and the Considerable advantage wee may reap for the Hono^ble Company by obligeing him Itt is agreed that a present to the value of 150 Pago^s be made him in Gold Chaines instead of the 400 Pago^s which wee are apt to beleive wee should never have been paid for them.

Mr John Davis delivered in a parcell of Books and Papers of Mr John Clark's deceased at Madapollam and sealed them up with his owne Seale.

Our People at Metchlepatam acquainting us of their great want of assistants for the dispatch of the Investment this yeare and upon the remove of Mr Timothy Harris to Pettipollee to be second there in the room of Mr Slaughter Lee deceased It is ordered that Mr Richard Gresham whom wee judge to have skill in Cloth by reason he served some time with a Linnen Draper doe goe third and Mr Robert Bowyer fourth to Metchlepatam to supply those places.

WHEREAS the Governour had granted a warrant to Mr John Davis to arrest Wallishee Chitty one of the Companys Merchants and likewise another warrant from the Justice to Summon a Jury, It is now ordered not to proceed upon the same in reguard the rest of the Creditors had attach'd said Wallishee Chittee his estate and entred theire petition in the Choultrey whereof said Mr Davis was one himself before the said warrant was granted which was unknown to the Governour, And also because this said Wallishee Chittee hath been a man of reputation and all along one of the Companys ancient Merchants and hath lost his Estate not by any

ill husbandry but by meer misfortune of the warrs at Bantam and wee would not therefore have him utterly ruined but as the rest of the Creditors are willing to take $\frac{1}{3}$ part of theire debt in hand $\frac{1}{3}$ at 12 mo: and $\frac{1}{3}$ at two 12 months. Wee think it but mercy and Justice that the said Mr Davis should be obliged to Comply wth the rest of the Creditors according as the Chancery of England doth provide in such cases which he hath been offered, but refuseth, Againe wee say if wee should proceed to a verdict for him he ought to pay it back to be divided between himself and the rest of the Creditors for that before the arrest Mr Davis knew hee had lost his estate at Bantam by the aforesaid warrs for which he likewise absented himself from his Creditors soe that he was in reallity a bankrupt person though the Creditors here have not the oppertunitie to sue out a Statute for itt for want of Commissioner to that purpose, therefore Wee being here to doe justice to all persons though wee can't proceed in the form of the Law being in a forreign Plantation & wanting what is requisite to it, wee have thought fitt being but equall and just that all the Creditors of this said Wallishee Chitty should fare alike and that the said Mr Davis should Comply with the rest of them wherby not to give matter of Complaint to the Natives as also for encouragement of all honest Merchants.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

HENRY MOSE Secry.

Received a Generall from the Cheife and Councell att Madapollam. 22.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

Wm GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governour.
Mr TIMOTHY WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Thursday 23th.

The Councell haveing by order of the Honoble Company secured a summe of money of Mr John Bridger wee doe now upon his

request release the said summe of [. . . .] to supply his present occasions here and to furnish himself and family for theire Voyage to England he solemnly declaring his necessitie for the same his estate being abroad at present.

Whereas there was the summe of 61 Pag : 8 fanams found in the Companys Cash Chest at the Present Agents arrivall over and above the ballance of the Companys of the Company's Cash received from Agent Masters and not any where brought to Accompt and there being a note found in the Bagg directing the use of itt towards the building a publique Gate to the North side of the out Towne for a conveniencie for watchmen to attend the Companys Customes to prevent the stealing thereof (for which there is great necessity) It is accordingly ordered that the said summe of money be put to the use which originally it was design'd for.

In reguard that our present occasion doth cause us to remove Mr Robert Bowyer from his place of steward of the ffort to be fourth of Metchlepatam and there being no ffactor or other Covenant Servant of the Honoble Companys to supply his place It is thought fitt at present to put Mr John Inch into the said place he being a Sober and trusty man to manage that buisness And in consideration of his dooing his former office besides It is agreed to raise his Sallary to 5 pagos ꝑ mensem.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIMO WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
HENRY MOSE Secry. JOHN LITTLETON.

Conimeer Generall from the Cheife and Councell there Received this day.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Monday ye 27th.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governor.
Mr TIMOTHY WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The Merchants requireing more money to hasten the Investment It is agreed to let them have 15000 Pagos which accordingly was paid them.

The Diamond Merchants were treated with for theire Diamonds but would not comply with us.

A Generall Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Conimeer of this date read & past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM° WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

HENRY MOSE Secry.

Received a letter from the Cheife & Councell at Conimeer. 29.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Thursday ye 30th.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent and Governor.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The whole Councell being duely summoned

The Diamond Merchants comeing againe to us this day about the Sale of theire Diamonds whom wee treated with some considerable time and at last agreed upon a price which wee thought to be much to advantage to the Company and accordingly bought them viz Bulse marked L amounting to Pagos 4547 Paid them immediatly.

Ordered that 5000 Pagos be sent to Conimeer ffactory.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Metchlepatam of this Date read & past.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Madapollam of this Date read and past.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Pettipollee of this Date read and past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM° WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

HENRY MOSE Secry.

Received a Generall from the Agent & Councell at Surratt together with the Copie of Part of a Persia Genll to that Place.

Decembr ye 1. Received a Generall from the Cheife and Councell at Madapollm.

2. Received a Generall from the Cheife and Councell at Pettipollee.

Received a Letter from the Dubass at Pettipollee Colla Vencatadry.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Munday ye 4th.

William Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr Timothy Wilkes. Mr John Bigrig.
Mr Elihu Yale. Mr John Nicks.
Mr John Littleton.

A Letter to the Agent and Councell at Surratt this day read and past.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Conimeer this day read and past.

William Gyfford.
Timo Wilkes.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.
John Littleton.

Henry Mose Secry.

Received a Letter from the Cheife and Councell at Metchlepm intimateing theire advice from the Bay of Capt Sandlands Death.

The 5000 Pagos before ordered for Conimeer this day was sent thither.

Att a Consultation extraordinary.

Present :

Wednesday ye 6th.

William Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governour.
Mr Timothy Wilkes. Mr John Bigrig.
Mr Elihu Yale. Mr John Nicks.
Mr John Littleton.

According to the Honoble Companys order in theire Letter Dated the 18th November 1681 for the examining of Mr Jearseys

Acco^ts and adjusting of the Differences between the Company and him therein, This day he was sent for to give answer to the severall particulers charged against him.

W. G.
T. W.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governo^r. Thursday 7th.
Mr TIMOTHY WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Metchlepatam this day read and past.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Madapollam this day read & past.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Pettipollee this day read and past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^O WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
HENRY MOSE. Sec^ry. JOHN LITTLETON.

Received a Generall from the Cheife and Councell at Metchlepatam with theire Acco^t Cash for the month of August.

Received a Generall from the Cheife and Councell at Conimeer. Sunday ye 10th.

Noe Consultation by reason four of the Councell went abroad to take the Aier. Monday 11.

Rec^d a Generall from the Cheife & Councell at Madapoll^m and a Copie of a generall to the Hono^ble Company from Madapollam. Tuesday 12.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governo^r. Thursday ye 14th.
Mr TIMO WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

For as much as it is late in the Yeare and the Bay Bookes not as yet come to us, It is ordered that our Generall Books be closed

and that the Bay Acco^{t} be clear'd off by Acco^{t} Currant in reguard that the Company has now ordered that place to be an Agency and to be [56] noe longer dependent to this place.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^{o} WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
HENRY MOSE Sec^{ry}. JOHN LITTLETON.

this night arrived here the China Merchant Capt John Utber Commander from the Islands of Moccoa.

Att a Consultation Extraordinary.

Present :

Fryday ye 15th.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governour.
Mr TIMOTHY WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Capt John Utber Commander of the China Merchant comeing ashore this Morning It was ordered that the Warehousekeeper doe land the Treasure Silk &c^{a} Goods ashore here whereby the Silk may be repackt being in loos parcells.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^{o} WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
HENRY MOSE Sec^{ry}. JOHN LITTLETON.

Moccoa Generall from the Cheife and Councell there this day was received.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Monday ye 18.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governour.
Mr TIMOTHY WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Gold

Ordered that the Purser doe advance to ye Brickmakers 500 Pago^{s} to make Bricks for the Hono^{ble} Companys use for repaires of

ffortifications there being an absolute necessitie for them as the present and future occasions doe & may require.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper doe lade on board the China Merchant 20 Tunne of Saltpetre being 300 bagg and 30 Candy of Redwood.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Metchlepatam read and past.

A Letter to the Cheife and Councell at Madapollam read and past.

William Gyfford.
Tim° Wilkes.
John Bigrig.

John Nicks.
John Littleton.

Henry Mose Sec^ry.

Received a Generall Letter from the Cheife & Councell at Pettipollee. 19.

Received a Generall Letter from the Cheife & Councell at Metchlepatam.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

William Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governo^r Thursday ye
Mr Timothy Wilkes. Mr John Bigrig.
Mr Elihu Yale. Mr John Nicks.
Mr John Littleton.

This day was a further examination of the Acco^ts of Mr William Jearsey depending between the Hono^ble Company & him but not yet determined.

Whereas one David Basew a very ancient man requesting of the Governour & Councell to take his passage for England in one of the hono^ble Companys shipps This day he was sent for and being strictly examined whether he had any Diamonds to carry with him who denyed that he had any and offered to depose the same upon Oath, And apprehending the same to be true and in consideration of his old age and earnest request to lay his bones in England It was agreed to give him leave to goe.

A letter to the Cheife and Councell at Pettipollee read and past.

A letter to the Cheife and Councell at Conimeer read and past.

A letter to the Cheife and Councell at Vizagapatam read and past.

The Acco^t of Cash for the month of November read and past.

Ballance resting in Cash Chest .. Pago^s 47876 : 29 : 2 :

The Journall of the Generall Bookes of Acco^ts for the month of October read and past.

The Warehousekeeper Mr John Bigrig his book of Acco^ts for the month of November for goods received and Delivered read and past.

The Customer Mr Elihu Yale his Books of Acco^tts for the month of November read and past as followeth Viz^t :

		fa. c.
Sea Customes	Pag^s	61 : 82 : 61 :
Land Custome at Choultrey	,,	58 : 25 : 65 :
Banksall Custome	,,	1 : 25 : 45 :
Weighers Duty	,,	1 : 52 : 05 :
Measurers Duty	,,	12 : 19 : 61 :
Brokeridge half Duty	,,	0 : 08 : 56 :
Register of slaves and houses ...	,,	0 : 216 : 0 :
		144 : 35 : 30 :

The Mint Master Mr John Nicks his Books of Acco^tts for money Coyn'd in the mint for the month of Novemb^r read & past as followeth Vizt :

The hono^ble Companys Gold Coyn'd viz	
1 Chest N^o D p̄ ship Resolution produced net Pag^s	31240 : 13 : 3 :
1 Chest N^o N p̄ ship Williamson ...	29651 : 04 : – :
1 Chest N^o L p̄ ship Nathaniel ...	34596 : 19 : – :
Particuler p̄sons Gold Coyn'd ...	Pago^s 5727 :
Custome at ½ p̄ Cent.	28 : 23 :

The Pay Master Mr John Littleton his Book of expences for the month of November read and past as followeth.

		Fan. C.
Charges Garrison	Pag^s	555 : 20 : 6 :
Charges Generall	...	371 : 11 : – :
Charges Dyett	...	147 : 18 : – :
Charges Cattle	...	26 : 05 : 4 :
Charges Merchandize	...	60 : 11 : 4 :
Acco^tt ffortifications Repaires &c^a	...	106 : 08 : 1 :
		1267 : 03 : 03 :

Paid the Merchants to forward the Investment Pag^{s} 10000.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
TIM^{o} WILKES.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

HENRY MOSE Secr^{y}.

Received a Generall from the Cheife & Councell at Conimeer. 24.

A Translate of a letter from Golcondah rec^{d}.

Received a Generall from the Cheife & Councell at Metchlepatam. 26.

Received a Generall from the Cheife & Councell at Pettipollee. Ditto.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governour. 28th.
Mr TIMOTHY WILKES. Mr JOHN BIGRIG.
Mr ELIHU YALE. Mr JOHN NICKS.
Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Capt Willshaw having given a Declaration of want of Quintelage which upon enquiry of the seafareing men Inhabitants wee findan addition absolutely necessary tho' not soe much as they require Therefore it is resolved that there be laden aboard the Resolution 100 Tunns more of Salt Petre besides the 100 Tunns already laden and have declared to the Capt by writing that they are to expect no more ffreight for the overplus then is paid for Iron Quintelage In consideration of our disappointment of Shipping this yeare 'tis thought fitt that wee send home upon the first shipps dispatch't from hence as much of the Hono^{ble} Company's stock as possible and therefore ordered that y[^{e}] Remainder of the Resolutions Lading be of the finest go[ods] wee have now in a Readiness.

Resolved that the Resolution and China Merchant [be] dispatch't to saile together for the better security of th[e] hono^{ble} Companys concerns therein from Warr or accid[ent].

That an order be wrote to Metchlepatam to dispatc[h] the Goods and Vessell from Vizagapatam upon her arriv[al] immediately hither as also to bring with her the goods th[at] shall be in

a readiness at Metchlepatam and Pettipollee bigg enough to lade them upon her otherwise or in Case s[he] hath landed the said goods that the Cheife &c^{a} of Metchlepatam doe immediatly hire some other Vessell upon as easie termes as they cann to bring up hither all the go[ods] from the prementioned places to be in a readiness for th[e] first shipp that shall arrive directly here from Benga[ll]. But this is to be understood in case none of the Company ships be arrived be fore our advices shall come to them about it or that they are not able to take them in whic[h] wee feare they will not in reguard there is no certainty now of any other shipp but the Williamson to touch along the Coast.

That a Boat be sent to Conimeer with packing stuf[f] &c^{a} provisions they haveing great occasion for them a [ ] also 2 Bales of Scarlet 1 fine green 4 bales ordinary broad cloth 2 bales of cloth Rashes and 1 bale of [57] Perpet[u]anes.

Agent Gyfford and Elihu Yale overseers to Mr Mathew Manwareing deceased haveing money of his in theire hands desire to remitt 1000 pago^{s} (the Exchange at the hono^{ble} Company's rates) to his Lady in England wch the Councell thought it a service to the Honble Company[to] grant. [. . . .]

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NOTES

[1] [page 2]. *George White.*—A person bearing this name was of some consequence among the interlopers (private traders) of the time. He was associated with Pitt, afterwards governor of Fort St. George, in the venture of the ships *Edward* and *Henry*, which were bought up by the Court in 1694 with the object of absorbing the interloping party; and his name is mentioned in the grant of arms to the 'New' company, bearing date 5th September, 1698 [Sir George Birdwood's Report on the miscellaneous old records at the India Office, 1890, p. 19, foot-note.]

[2] [page 2]. *Mr. Cholmley.*—cf. Madras Selections, 4th series, p. 60. Nathaniel Cholmley was the company's agent in the diamond trade at Golconda. In July 1679 [consultations dated 7th idem] he received orders to return to England at once, but objected on the ground that the notice was "so short as to savour of malice." I conjecture him to have been the same Nathaniel Cholmley who married [Burke's extinct baronetage, 1844,] Mary, only daughter and heir of Sir Hugh Chomley, baronet, of Whitby. The name Nathaniel was for some generations preserved in the family.

[3] [page 2]. *Mr. Manwaring.*—Mathew Mainwaring displaced Richard Mohun [cf. note 22 in Madras Selections, 4th series, p. 64] in the office of chief at Masulipatam in June 1675 [N. and E. Vol. I, p. 34], but Mohun in his turn so far made good charges of loose living and dishonesty on the part of Mainwaring that the latter was himself suspended. In November 1678 the government of Streynsham Master refused to modify this sentence, and directed the provision of a passage to England for Mainwaring [cf. pp. 95 and 96 of the same volume]. He landed at Madras on 2nd July 1680, and by a curious coincidence his enemy, Mohun, then on the council of Fort St. George, was on the same day finally dismissed from the service of the company. Three days afterwards Mainwaring was granted leave of absence. An allusion is made to his death in the consultations of 28th December [p. 100 of this volume], but the place and date of it are not on record. He must apparently have died in India.

[4] [page 2]. *Muster.*—[Port. mostra, pattern]. cf. Hobson-Jobson, s.v., pp. 462 and 828.

[5] [page 3]. *End of the .... book.*—The petition is not entered in the volume at Fort St. George.

6 [page 3]. *Porto Novo.*—Yule and Burnell [Hobson-Jobson, s.v.] were disposed to think that the name was intended to mean New Oporto.

7 [page 4]. *Richard Portman.*—Arrived in India on 7th June 1676 in the degree of chaplain, succeeding Mr. Warner in that office. He was one of two persons into whose hands Streynsham Master and other subscribers to the fund for building St. Mary's Church in Fort St. George bound themselves to pay their contributions [Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV, p. ccxlii and Master papers]. He dedicated that structure on 28th October 1680 in virtue of a commission from the bishop of London [N. and E., Vol. III, p. 37]. A chaplain's pay was at this time £100.

8 [page 4]. *Mr. Read.*—Edward Reade was on the 'Bay' establishment in and before 1676. In that year he was accused of "over rating some "of the company's goods, great private trading and swearing" [N. and E., Vol. I, p. 43]. It would seem that he successfully defended himself against these charges, for in 1678 and 1679 he was in the degree of a senior merchant in the Hoogley factory [Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXVIII, p. iv]. In December 1679 he received permission to return to England [N. and E., Vol. II, p. 62], and Agent Streynsham Master, then on a tour of inspection, apparently took the opportunity of buying some plate from him for the use of Fort St. George. Reade took his passage in the *George* [N. and E., Vol. II, p. 67], and on the arrival of the vessel in the Madras roads came ashore and was present at a meeting of council on 26th January 1680.

9 [page 5]. *George Ramsden.*—Wareh use-keeper at Madapollam. cf. Madras Selections, 4th series, p. 28.

10 [page 8]. *Ballasore* [Bâlêsvara].—On the Orissa coast. A factory was established there in 1642.

11 [page 9]. *Gunny* [Mahr. gonî].—Sacking.

12 [page 10]. *Mr. Vincent.*—Mathias Vincent was for some time chief of the Hoogley factory. In the letter of instructions given to William Hedges, the court required him to seize with all possible speed upon the person of Vincent and send him forthwith a prisoner on board the ship *Defence*, to "remain under safeguard in charge of the Captain, "having all convenient accommodations, but no permission to return on "Shore in India, upon any pretence or cause whatsoever untill he be landed "in England to the end he may be brought . . . . . within the reach of his "Majesties laws . . . . . to answer to the severall breaches of his trust "and other notorious abuses committed by him" [Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV,

p. xv]. Vincent's character does not seem to have been good; it is certain that he had dealings with interlopers, and the accusation of unfaithfulness to his masters was probably just. A stranger charge—that of witchcraft—was, however, launched at him by the distracted John Thomas—cf. Madras Selections, 4th series, p. 7—who alleged that Vincent had "practised Dia-"bolicall arts with the Bramines and others on the Bay for bewitching" him. The directors, headed by Sir Josiah Child, believed or professed to believe this rampant stuff, and instructed the agent and company to "pre-"vent and avoid . . . . . Vincent exercising charms or useing poyson by secur-"ing him a safe custody from conversing with any of the said Witches or "other Natives, and return a true accompt of all the said Vincent's barbari-"ties and other cruelties to . . . . . Thomas" [Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV, p. cclxxxiv]. If Vincent took home much of the mammon of unrighteousness, as his enemies alleged, he doubtless made good use of it, for he received the honour of knighthood within two years of his departure from India in the interloping Ship the *Crown*.

13 [page 10]. *Joseph Hynmers.*—Came out in June 1670 as fourth member and rose to be second member of the Fort St. George council. During the absence of Streynsham Master on a visit to the factories in the Bay, he was styled deputy governor. He died on 28th May 1680 and was buried on the following day [N. and E., Vol. III, p. 21]. The mausoleum near the Madras Law Courts contains an inscription to his memory.

14 [page 10]. *Tandour.*—The name of this ship was probably taken from Tandúr, a hamlet in the Tondiarpet division of Madras.

15 [page 14]. *Thomas Lucas.*—Afterwards in the council of Fort St. George, and then chief at Madapollam [Madras consultations dated 15th November, 1683].

16 [page 16]. *Sir Josiah Child.*—At this time governor of the company. The dictionary of National Biography and Hakluyt Society's Volume LXXV contain biographies of Sir Josiah Child, who in the opinion of Sir Henry Yule gave utterance at times to "large views and flashes of ambitious prevision." A still more eminent writer has given a vivid picture of Child. "There were those," writes Macaulay, "who . . . . remem-"bered him an apprentice, sweeping out one of the counting houses of the "City. But from a humble position his abilities had raised him rapidly "to opulence, power and fame. Before the Restoration he was highly "considered in the mercantile world. Soon after that event he published "his thoughts on the philosophy of trade. His speculations were not "always sound: but they were the speculations of an ingenious and reflect-"ing man. Into whatever errors he may occasionally have fallen as a

"theorist, it is certain that, as a practical man of business, he had few "equals. Almost as soon as he became a member of the committee which "directed the affairs of the Company, his ascendency was felt. Soon many "of the most important posts, both in Leadenhall Street and in the fac- "tories of Bombay and Bengal, were filled by his kinsmen and creatures. "His riches, though expended with ostentatious profusion, continued to "increase and multiply. He obtained a baronetcy: he purchased a stately "seat at Wanstead; and there he laid out immense sums in excavating "fish-ponds, and in planting whole square miles of barren land with "walnut trees. He married his daughter to the eldest son of the Duke of "Beaufort, and paid down with her a portion of fifty thousand pounds." [History of England, Chapter XVIII].

17 [page 18]. *Godown.*—From the Malayan gadong through the Tamil kidangu, a place of storage [Hobson-Jobson, s.v., p. 291].

18 [page 18]. *Mr. Jearsey.*—cf. Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV, p. cxcix. At one time in the council of Fort St. George, and then chief at Masulipatam. He was discharged in 1669 for contemning the court's orders, for permitting the practice of "gross prophanes and scandalous vices" in the factory of which he was the head, "to the dishonour of God and discredit of the Protestant religion," and for carrying on private trade [Court's letter 7th December, 1669]. He continued to live in India after his dismissal and resided at Madras, where he entertained William Hedges in 1685 "with much respect and kindness" [Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXIV, p. 183].

19 [page 19]. *Salabod.*—Perpetual. A hybrid from the Persian sâl and the Arabic âbâd. Here used in the sense of prescriptive custom.

20 [page 21]. *Achin.*—"*Achein;* where is Gold and the Island thought "by some to be *Solomon's Ophir*, and the Queen thereof, by whom it is "constantly governed, confidently reported to be the Queen of the *South*, "*Achein* being on the Island *Sumatra* in the *South* Seas" [Dr. John Fryer's New Account of East India and Persia, 1698, p. 45]. The English factory was established there in 1615, [Danvers' Report on the I.O. records, Vol I, part I, p. 61], or thirteen years after the visit of the English fleet under Lancaster.

21 [page 30]. *Sea Gate.*—"One of the Gates of the white Town, looks "towards the Sea, and it is, for that Reason, called the Sea-gate. The "Gateway being pretty spacious, was formerly the common Exchange, where "Merchants of all Nations resorted about eleven a Clock, to treat of Business "in Merchandize; but that Custom is out of Fashion" [Capt. Alexander Hamilton's New account of the East Indies, Ed. 1744 Vol I, p. 368].

[22] [page 30]. *Curtaine Godowne Rents.*—It appears from an entry in the consultations of 12th February 1683 that these rents were on account of godowns under the "Bazar curtaine," or wall connecting the two gates on the northern side of the outworks of Fort St. George. "From the first Point," writes Fryer of the "English town" as he saw it in 1672, "a "Curtain is drawn with a Parapet; beneath it are two Gates, and Sally "Ports to each for to enter Madras; over the Gates five Guns run out their "Muzzels, and two more within them on the Ground" [Dr. John Fryer's New Account of East India and Persia, 1698, p. 37]. "The Heathen Town," Fryer adds, was "only parted by a wide Parrade, which is used "for a Buzzar, or Mercate-place."

[23] [page 34]. *Richard Brown.*—Entered as one of Agent Gyfford's assistants in the list of servants on pages 27 and 28 of the 4th series of Madras Selections.

[24] [page 38]. *Seer.*—[Hind. ser].—A varying denomination of weight.

[25] [page 39]. *Serash wine.*—Serash appears to be some miswriting or corruption.

[26] [page 40]. *Gantlope.*—Now corrupted, by a further departure from the original, into gauntlet. From the Swedish gatlopp, a running down a lane, the lane being in the present case composed of soldiers drawn up in two files to strike the offender as he passed [Skeat. s.v.].

[27] [page 40]. *Corge.*—A score, and, by extension, a packet containing twenty pieces. From the Portuguese corja, which was itself however borrowed from India. cf. Hobson-Jobson, s.v., pp. 197 and 783.

[28] [page 43]. *Mogo.*—This, the Moco of page 60, and the Moccoa twice mentioned on page 96, are probably the same, and stand for Macao, from which there were formerly large exports of silk. The description on page 96 is somewhat loose, as the peninsula on which Macao stands runs out from a single island, Hiang Shang. The first attempt to establish a factory at Macao was made in 1673 [Sir George Birdwood's Report on the Miscellaneous old records of the India Office, 1890, p. 66].

[29] [page 45]. *James Wheeler.*—At this time the purser at Madapollam factory.

[30] [page 45]. *Ye orders made by Mr. Master.*—cf. N. and E., Vol. II, p. 66.

[31] [page 48]. *Madraspatam.*—An article by Sir Henry Yule on the origin of the name of Madras will be found on pages 406 and 407 of Hobson-Jobson. The reasoning is at first sight most convincing. After dismissing certain derivations as unworthy of regard, Yule starts with the fact that "all the earliest mentions of the name are in the form of *Madraspatanam*, "'the City of the *Madras*,' whatever the *Madras* may have been." He next observes that "the earliest maps show *Madraspatanam* as the "Mahommedan settlement corresponding to the present Triplicane and "Royapettah," and that "the word is therefore probably of Mahommedan "origin." "Having got so far we need not," he concludes, "hesitate to identify" the name with *Madrasa*, 'a college.' "The Portuguese wrote this "*Madaraza* (see *Faria y Sousa, Africa Portuguesa*, 1681, p. 6). And the "European name probably came from them, close neighbours as they were "to Fort St. George, at Mylapore or San Thomé. That there was such a "*Madrasa* in existence is established by the quotation"—one following the article—"from Hamilton who was there about the end of the 17th century."

"Fryer's Map (1698, but illustrating 1672–73,)" Yule proceeds, "represents the Governor's House as a building of Mahommedan architecture, "with a dome. This may have been the *Madrasa* itself." Reference is finally made to Charles Lockyer who in 1711 "speaks of a 'College' of "which the building was 'very ancient'; formerly a hospital, and then "used apparently as a residence for young writers." But it is "not clear," Yule adds, "whether the name 'College' was not given to it on this "account."

Sir Henry Yule's opinions must at all times command the greatest respect, and it cannot yet be said that his conclusion in the present case is untenable. It is possible however that he would not have spoken with the same degree of confidence if he had discovered earlier instances of the use of the name than these which are appended to his article. There are moreover some defects in the chain of argument which it may be as well to state, in the hope that the difficulty may be sooner elucidated if misapprehensions are removed. The earliest of Yule's quotations bears date 1653, or about thirteen years from the establishment of the factory at Madras. On the assumption that the term 'Madraspatam' came into use some years after the plot of land acquired by Francis Day had been fortified, the theory that it was borrowed through the medium of the Portuguese is probable enough. But as a matter of fact the name—in the form Madrazpatam—is of earlier origin: it is employed by the president and council of Surat in a letter addressed to the company on 29th December, 1640 [I.O. Records, O.C. No. 1764]; and the context makes it pretty certain that Francis Day or some other of the factors at the new Settlement must have previously made use of it in reference to the place or "rather," as the Surat letter says, "plot of ground" offered to him. It is no doubt just possible that in the course of the negociations Day heard and caught up the name from the Portuguese, who were at the time in friendly relations with the English; but the probabilities are certainly in the opposite direction. The nâyak from whom the plot was obtained must almost certainly have supplied the name, or

what Francis Day conceived to be the name, of it. Again as regards Hamilton's mention of a "college," Sir Henry Yule's remark certainly goes too far. Hamilton writes "There is a very Good Hospital in the "Town, and the Company's Horse-stables are neat, but the old College, "where a great many Gentlemen Factors are obliged to lodge, is ill-kept "in Repair." [A new account of the East Indies, Edit. 1744, Vol. I, p. 363]. This remark, taken together with that made by Lockyer and quoted above, affords proof, indeed, that there was a building known to the English as the 'College.' But it does not follow that this, or any, building was distinctively known to Musulmans as the 'madrasa.' The "old College" of Hamilton may have been the successor of a Musulman 'madrasa' of some size and consequence, and if this was so the argument for the derivation would be strengthened. It is however equally possible that some old building within the plot of territory acquired by Day which had never been a 'madrasa' was turned to use as a College or place where the young writers should live and receive instruction; and in this case the argument so far as it rests on the mention of a 'College' by Hamilton and Lockyer is entirely destroyed.

Next as regards the probability that the first part of 'Madraspatanam' is "of Mahommedan origin." Sir Henry Yule does not mention the date of the maps in which Madraspatanam is shown "as the Mahommedan "settlement corresponding to the present Triplicane and Royapettah;" but in Fryer's map, which represents the fort as he saw it in 1672, the name "Madirass"—to which is added "The Indian Town with flat houses"—is entered as the designation of the collection of houses on the north side of the English town, and the text makes it evident that in the year in question the name of Madras was applied chiefly to the crowded collection of houses styled in turn the 'Heathen,' the 'Malabar' [cf. Madras Selections, 4th series, p. 69, note 76], and the 'Black,' town. This consideration does not necessarily disprove the supposed Musulman origin of 'Madras,' but it undoubtedly weakens the chain of Yule's argument.

The idea that "the Governor's house" of Fryer's map may itself have been the 'madrasa' may lastly be noticed. Sir Henry Yule obviously did not mean to do more than suggest this as a bare possibility. If the identity of the buildings could be established, the case for the derivation from 'madrasa' would certainly be greatly strengthened. But there is not a shred of evidence on the subject. Even if the style of architecture, as gathered from the plate in Fryer, may be regarded as proving that Musulmans built the house, it does not follow that it was built before 1639–40, or that if it was so built, it was a 'madrasa.' The drawing however appears to be conventional in some respects and may not give a very exact likeness of the building. It is noteworthy that the same style of architecture appears in the centre guard-house on the west. Whether 'the Governor's house' was a 'madrasa' at one time or not, it at any rate does not appear that it was commonly known as the 'College.' In the consultations of 1st November 1677 [N. and E., Vol. I, p. 58], it was resolved "to make certain repairs to the House in the Fort," which was "in a dangerous

state of disrepair," pending receipt of the Company's permission to pull it down and build a new one. A similar description of the building is to be found in a report by a commission of survey which sat in January 1679 [N. and E., Vol. II, p. 4]. There seems to be good reason for supposing that the house in question was that delineated by Fryer.

On the whole it is not unfair to say that the chief argument in favour of the derivation adopted by Sir Henry Yule is of a negative kind. There are fatal objections to whatever other derivations have been suggested, but if the mongrel character of the compound 'Madrasapatanam' is disregarded there is no fatal objection to the derivation from 'madrasa.' Such mongrel compounds are not unknown in Indian nomenclature.

If, however, that derivation is to stand, it must not rest on such accidental coincidences as the use of the word 'College' by writers whose knowledge of Madras was derived from visits made from thirty years to half a century after the foundation of the factory. Portuguese manuscripts of the earlier part of the seventeenth century may possibly throw some light on the subject.

[32] [page 49]. *John Littleton.*—Hedges records in his diary a visit paid by him in company with Captain Willshaw to "Mr. Littleton and ye rest of ye family" on 4th February 1685 [Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXIV, p. 184].

[33] [page 49]. *Slaughter Lee.*—The death of this servant of the company is mentioned in the Consultations of 14th November, 1682 [page 88 of the present volume].

[34] [page 49]. *Interloping Alley.*—A famous interloper, captain of the *Expectation* and afterwards of the *Lumley Castle.* In the diary of William Hedges it is related how Alley visited the faujdâr of Hoogley "in a splendid equipage, habitted in scarlet richly laced"—ten Englishmen in "Blew Capps and Coats edged with Red, all armed with Blunderbusses ". . . . before his pallankeen, 80 Peons before them, and 4 "Musicians playing on the Weights, with two fllags b fore him": just, adds Hedges resentfully, "like an Agent." [Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXIV, p. 123].

[35] [page 49]. *John Stables.*—cf. Madras Selections, 4th series, p. 70, note 95. Stables held the office of secretary to the council of Fort St. George when in August 1684 William Gyfford came up to the Hoogley factory to take the place of Hedges [Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXIV, p. 156]. He afterwards became chief at Vizagapatam and met his death there in 1689 when the English were expelled from that factory [cf. note 44, *infra*].

[36] [page 52]. *Vincent Sayon.*—Came out as a writer 24th June 1672, became a factor in 1677, and at the time of his death was the accomptant [cf. Madras Selections, 4th series, p. 28] at Masulipatam.

[37] [page 52]. *Robert Hedges.*—Nephew of Sir William Hedges and son of Robert Hedges of Burras, Queen's Co. His nomination as factor dates from 5th October 1681. He served at Dacca and Malda, and was a companion of his uncle on his homeward voyage by way of Scanderoon and Marseilles. [Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV, p. cxcvii]. At the time of his death (28th December 1717) Robert Hedges was president in Bengal. Sir Henry Yule gives an extract from a letter from the court to Fort St. George, dated 8th February 1681, in which they state that they had intended Robert Hedges to reside under the Madras agency, but "upon the desire" of agent Hedges to have "the breeding of him under his Eye," had appointed him "to go down into the Bay" [*ibid.*]. It appears from the consultations of 10th August 1682, that the nomination in the text was made before the receipt of these orders from the court.

[38] [page 52]. *Pettipolee* [Peddapalle].—The Nizâmpatam of more recent days. Pettipolee and Masulipatam were the first places on the Coramandel coast at which *quasi* factories were established by the English. The *Globe* anchored there in the beginning of 1612, and the merchants in Captain Anthony Hippon's ship—Floris and Antheumis—disappointed in their attempt to found a factory at Pulicat [cf. note 27 on page 65 of Madras Selections, 4th series], met with a favorable reception and were allowed to trade. [Floris's journal as decocted by Purchas].

[39] [page 52]. *Samuel Wales.*—Was on the side of Mr. Mohun in the bitter disputes between that merchant and Mr. Mainwaring [cf. note 3, *supra*], and in the memorandum of instructions given by the court to Major Puckle [N. and E., Vol. I, p. 14] it was set down against Wales that he had thrown a brick-bat in at Mainwaring's window and had used profane language.

[40] [page 52]. *John Goddard.*—Previously held the office of secretary at Masulipatam.

[41] [page 57]. *Gingerly.*—The coast north of Coringa was so called at this time and until the middle of last century. A MS. dated about 1680 to which Sir Henry Yule had access, refers to the large supply of mustard-seed oil from the "Gingalee" coast [Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV, Errata and Addenda, p. 17], and this taken together with the quotation from D'Anville's 'Éclaircissemens sur la carte de l'Inde' (1753) on page 801 of Hobson-Jobson makes the derivation from the Hindustani jinjali—itself derived from the Arabic through the medium of Portuguese—, the trade

name of the oil of the *Sesamum Indicum*, pretty certain. In the passage in the text, however, and in the register of passes for vessels bound for certain places, on page 47 of N. and E., Vol. III, there is possibly a reference to some particular factory on the "Gingerly" Coast.

[42] [page 57]. *Henry Mose.*—The same as the Henry More of the short biographical notice in Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV, p. cclvii, and the index of Vol. LXXVIII. Sir Henry Yule was no doubt misled by the indistinct writing of the entries of which he was making use. Mose died in 1691.

[43] [page 61]. *Mr. Littleton.*—cf. Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV, p. ccv, for a biography of Sir Edward Littleton. At this time Littleton was still nominally in the service of the company, as his dismissal had been ordered to take effect from the date of the arrival of agent William Hedges at the Hoogley factory [p. xvi. of same volume]; and Hedges did not reach Hoogley until 14th March, 1683 [Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXIV, p. 68]. In 1689 having previously been knighted, Littleton went to India again as a president of the New company. From this office he was dismissed in 1705. He died in October 1707. He appears to have been a man of violent temper and unscrupulous character.

[44] [page 61]. *Vizagapatam* [Visâkhapatanam].—A factory was established at Vizagapatam in 1668. The Fort St. George consultations of 15th October 1689, extracted by Mr. Talboys Wheeler on page 115 of his 'Madras in the Olden Time' [Edition 1882], contain an account of the seizure of the factory under orders from Aurangzeb, and the murder of the chief, John Stables [cf. note 35, *supra*], with two of the factors.

[45] [page 65]. *Rattans.* [Malay, rotan].—Canes.

[46] [page 66]. *Brampour chints.*—Chintz from Burma, the principal town of which bears the Sanskrit name Brahmapuri.

[47] [page 67]. *Captain Goodlad.*—According to Captain Alexander Hamilton [A new account of the East Indies, Ed. 1744, Vol. I, p. 398] Captain Goodlad was for long handed down to memory as the perpetrator of a jest, conceived in the manner of the seventeenth century, the humour of which is too coarse to allow of the repetition of the story.

[48] [page 69]. *Interlopers.*—Possible derivations of this obscure name for private traders are to be found (s.v.) in Skeat and Hobson-Jobson. After 1680 the competition of the interlopers grew more formidable every year, and the court of directors, fearful of any diversion of the vast profits which kept rolling in to their coffers, were more insistent on the confounding of such adventurers.

[49] [page 69]. *Tittieorin* [Tûtukkudi].—cf. Hobson-Jobson, s.v., at page 721 and Caldwell's History of Tinnevelly at page 75 for conjectural derivations. The final n in the word in the text and in the modern Tuticorin has been added for euphony. The last possession of the Portuguese on the Coramandel coast, Tuticorin was stormed by the Dutch in 1658. Twice taken by the English, in 1782 and 1795, it was twice restored to the Dutch, in 1785 and 1818,—to be finally ceded to England in 1825.

[50] [page 69]. *His Majesties proclamation.*—On 24th October 1681 the Governor of the court of directors and Sir Joseph Ashe were desired to attend the Rt. Houble the Lord Hyde (afterwards Earl of Rochester of the second creation) "with the draught of a proclamation, Commission, &ca., ". . . for preventing the going out of Interlopers to the East Indies" [Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV, p. ciii]. It was contended by the party of interlopers [Dr. John St. John's letter to the King extracted in the same volume, p. clxxx] that a proclamation of the kind "was of no force nor binding "without an Act of Parliament." However that may have been, such a proclamation must at this juncture have been very ineffectual.

[51] [page 69]. *Quintelage* [Fr. quintal, quintelage] Ballast.—"Terme "de marine. Amas de choses pesantes, telles que du sable, des pierres, du "caillou, &c., qu'on met au fond d'un navire, comme un contre-poids "nécessaire pour resister aux coups de mer." [Littré s.v.] Quintal, "poids "de cent," is from the Arabic qantâr, a weight equivalent on an average to 100 lbs. avoirdupois [E. H. Palmer's Arabic Manual, Second Edition, p. 228].

[52] [page 70]. *Calliature* [Tel. galijèru].—Redwood.

[53] [page 78]. *St. Thoma river.*—Now known as the Adyar.

[54] [page 80]. *Norwich Stuffs.*—"The textile manufactures of Norwich, once so important, have declined" [F. H. G. in the Encycl. Brit. 9th Edition]. They were in great request from the reign of Edward III in which a colony of Flemish weavers settled at Norwich. At Worstead, thirteen miles from Norwich, an earlier colony introduced woollen manufactures in the time of Henry I.

[55] [page 84]. Seir Lascarr [Sar-i-lashkar]. Captain of the army.

[56] [page 96]. *Noe longer dependent.*—cf. Madras Selections, 4th series, p. 62, note 3.

[57] [page 100]. *Perpetuanes.* [Fr. perpétuancs]. cf. Littré, s.v. A woollen cloth. of 'ever lasting' quality, exported from Europe.

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[*Note.*—An asterisk preceding a word signifies that a note on the subject is to be found in Madras Selections, 4th Series.]

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